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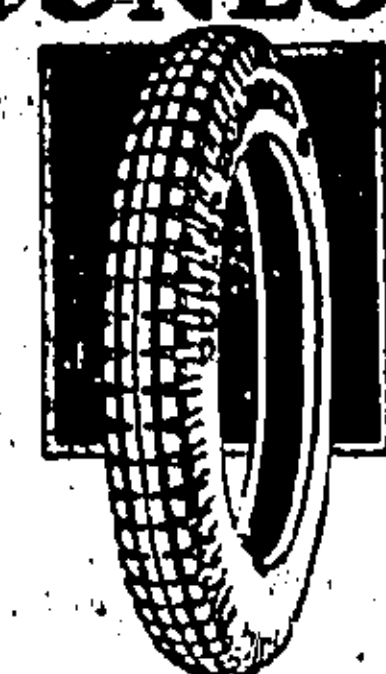
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THE FLORA FORT DISASTER

ALL DANGER PASSED: ADJACENT MAGAZINES FLOODED

A TERRIFIC BANG

TO-DAY A DAY OF MOURNING

Inquiries made on board ships, which arrived from Macao this morning, elicited little fresh information regarding the disastrous explosion of gunpowder at Flora Fort early yesterday morning.

Arrivals in Macao soon after 9 p.m. yesterday tried to go to the scene of the disaster, but were turned back by the Military who are assisting the Police to patrol the streets and maintain order.

AREA CLOSED TO PUBLIC

The affected area has been closed to the public so that the work of clearing the debris can be speedily undertaken.

Apart from their desire to co-operate with the Police, Fire Brigade, etc., it is natural that the Military should take control considering that the affected area is military land.

Death Roll.

According to arrivals from Macao this morning the death roll is nearly 80, including many of the military. In some cases, whole families, living in the vicinity, have been totally wiped out. Some Chinese, among whom were the Chinese caretaker of the kindergarten school housed in the old Flora Palace, formerly the Summer House of the Governor of Macao, are reported killed.

Fortunate Escapes.

Many residents with houses in the vicinity of the fort had very fortunate escapes from death and serious injury.

Looking After The Injured. The injured are variously placed at between 60 and 70 and the Government Hospital, the Hospital de Sao Rafael, and the Chinese Hospital are all full. The Red Cross and medical service have been mobilised and the injured are receiving attention.

Magazines Flooded.

At one time there was danger of another of the two remaining magazines at Flora blowing up, but by last night that danger had passed, the Fire Brigade having flooded both magazines.

All Macao Shaken.

The Military barracks near Flora Fort had a wonderful escape from destruction, considering that houses further away had their roofs lifted. Some doors and windows of the barracks were, of course, shattered. In fact, for about a mile around the vicinity of the Fort, not a house escaped without broken glass on windows. Practically the whole of Macao, including ships in the harbour, was shaken by the terrific explosion.

Force Of Explosion.

Large pieces of concrete, of which the magazine was constructed, were blown as far as a quarter of a mile by the force of the explosion. Large trees had branches blown away, whilst some smaller ones were uprooted. A small fire broke out among the grass on the hillside, but this was quickly extinguished by the Fire Brigade. The public gardens at Flora suffered to the extent of having trees and plants damaged.

Boy Scouts Turn Out.

The Boy Scouts gave valuable assistance, as well as the majority

of citizens and foreign residents. They were on the scene soon after the explosion occurred and attended to the wounded until they could be removed to the hospitals.

Mourning Day.

As a mark of respect for the dead and sympathy for the sufferers today is a general holiday in Macao. All Government and other offices are concentrated on the making of arrangements for the funeral of the victims.

Cause.

The official cause for the explosion was the extreme heat which had been experienced in Macao during the last few days. This confirms the conjecture which the local Consul-General for Portugal gave to the *China Mail* yesterday. When seen again this morning, Senhor A. Luiz Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro said, that he had received a telegram from Macao confirming the disaster, but no particulars were given.

Several copies of the Journal of Macao reached Hong Kong this morning, but this paper carries no report of the explosion.

To Prevent Alarm.

It was learned from arrivals from Macao this morning that in order to prevent undue alarm and the broadcasting of unfounded rumours, it was decided last night not to accept telegrams for transmission other than those for the purpose of informing friends and relatives abroad, as to the safety or otherwise of local residents. Cables giving particulars of the disaster are being held up.

Hong Kong Boy Scouts All Safe.

The Salesian Fathers in Hong Kong report that their property in Macao is safe, and also give welcome news to anxious parents here that the contingent of Hong Kong Boy Scouts of the 16th (Catholic Cathedral) Troop, who are at present visiting in Macao, are all safe.

Dead and Injured.

Later. The district beyond Flora, which suffered most as the result of the explosion, was Tapaia.

Among the Portuguese dead were: Sergeant Antonio Souza Vidal, Officer in Charge of the Magazine; Senhor Henrique da Silva, an Overseer of the Public Works and his nephew, Joao Cordova; the 11-year-old daughter of Sergeant Duarte of the Artillery; and a son of Police Inspector Joao Silva.

The Portuguese injured included: The wife and son of Sergeant Major Vidal, staying in quarters near the Fort; Major Gorgulho, Commandant of Artillery; and Senhora Gorgulho; Lieut. Trindade of the Artillery; Sergeant Duarte and his wife (all seriously); and Major Azevedo, Commandant of Infantry, and the wife of Senhor Henrique Silva of the Public Works (less seriously).

The non-European dead include

SHOOTING DRAMA

EARLY MORNING INCIDENT.

ON PRAYA

REVENUE OFFICER AT BAY.

Following the arrest of a man, carrying a paper parcel which, on being examined later, was found to contain about three hundred taels of illicit opium, a sensational shooting drama occurred on the Praya between two and three o'clock this morning.

A Chinese Revenue officer, in defending himself, and trying to keep his prisoner in custody, against the attacks of three others, probably accomplices, drew his revolver and fired three shots.

It appears that the contraband opium was brought to the Tai Ping Wharf, just off Centre Street's intersection with Connaught Road West, on a small boat and handed up to a man who, prior to this, had been observed by a Chinese Revenue Officer, in plain clothes, to walk up and down several paces. Leaving the wharf with the parcel, the man proceeded along the Praya, but was smartly intercepted by the Officer.

It appears, then, that the man shouted for assistance, and three men, who had apparently been in hiding all the while, came out from under a verandah. The man in custody struggled with the Revenue Officer and a melee ensued, in the course of which the Revenue Officer drew his pistol and fired. The three desperadoes immediately made off, and the officer was not able to make out if his shots had struck any of the men.

The prisoner Lai Kiu (40) a fitter, in the course of the struggle, received a few cuts on his face. He was first taken to the Revenue Office and later to the Police Station, where he was charged.

He appeared before Mr. Schofield this morning in the Central Police Court, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$30,000 with the alternative of one year's hard labour.

Man With a Gun Wound.

This morning the wife of an unemployed seaman reported at the West Point Police Station that her husband, Lee Ying, 50 years, was lying dead in his bed.

An examination of the body at 144, Connaught Road West revealed that the man had been shot in the groin.

A Coroner's enquiry will be held in due course.

It is surmised that Lee Ying was one of the three men who attacked the Revenue officer.

The dead man's home is in the immediate vicinity of the shooting incident. It is possible, though wounded in the groin, he managed to crawl into his home situated on the third floor. He then got into bed and bled to death. He was probably too frightened to call for assistance.

three African (Lanlin) soldiers from Lorenzo Marques (one of whom is listed as missing, believed dead); and 19 Chinese.

Besides the Europeans, mentioned above, 15 others are reported injured, as also were 35 Chinese and 5 Indians.

Ten tons of gunpowder are stated to have been blown up. The other two magazines, which were flooded and thus saved, contained small arms ammunition and shells. If these had "gone up," the catastrophe would have been more terrible.

OVERDUE TWO DAYS

ANXIETY OVER S.S. KWONG SANG.

APPEAL TO SHIPS

SWATOW REPORTS "NO NEWS"

Some anxiety was manifest in shipping circles this morning as to the whereabouts of the Indo-China Steamship Company's vessel Kwong Sang, en route from Shanghai to Hong Kong via Swatow.

The Kwong Sang was scheduled to arrive here on Wednesday last, and is thus two days overdue. She was practically twenty-four hours overdue when the local managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., cabled to Swatow for information. The reply was that up to 4 p.m. yesterday she had not arrived, and nothing was known of her.

Broadcast to Ships.

Last night, news of the steamer's non-arrival was wireless "to all ships," being picked up by various vessels who arrived here this morning. The message asked that any news of the Kwong Sang should be communicated to Messrs. Jardine's.

Up until noon to-day, it was learned upon enquiry, nothing had been heard of the ship.

The Kwong Sang, it is understood, after leaving Shanghai was instructed to go to the assistance of the same company's Waisheng, which went ashore during a typhoon at Nam Kwan, eighty miles south of Swatow. No reply was received, although it is definitely known that she had left Shanghai.

Hong Kong Register.

The Kwong Sang is under the command of Captain Hendry, and sails regularly out of Hong Kong. Built by Messrs. Wigham Richardson and Cammell Laird of Newcastle in 1902, she is a steel screw steamer of 2,283 tons gross, and 1,428 net. She is 250 feet long, 42.1 ft. width and 15.2 ft. depth. She is registered in Hong Kong.

No news of the Kwong Sang had been received by the manager at 2.30 p.m.

CUBAN REVOLT PANIC.

Great Excitement in Havana.

ALARMIST STORIES.

Havana, Yesterday.

Fever heat excitement prevails here in consequence of alarmist rumours arriving almost hourly from the interior where it is reported thousands of rebels are under arms.

A battle has been raging for eight hours near Cienfuegos. The result is not yet known, though distant rifle-fire can be heard in the capital which is reminiscent of war-time in London.

Rebels' strength is unknown, but Government claims to be able to put into the field 12,500 soldiers and 2,000 marines. They say they will even double the strength, if necessary.

Rebel bombs and ammunition of European manufacture, which were landed at Cuba last week by gun-running vessels, have been seized. —Reuter.

MAHATMA GANDHI

DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT.

THE PACT

AN HONOURABLE SETTLEMENT.

Bombay, Yesterday.

"As far as I am aware, there is no question of resuming the Civil Disobedience movement at once," said Mahatma Gandhi when interviewed, and added that there is no question of reopening negotiations with the Viceroy regarding Congress representation at the Round Table Conference, but the Irwing-Gandhi Pact was not necessarily terminated.

"Congress," said the Mahatma, "will make every endeavour to work for a settlement honourably."

Government's Refusal.

The Congress Working Committee states that Mahatma Gandhi has asked for the appointment of an impartial tribunal to investigate the alleged breaches of the Pact, but that Government has refused his request. —Reuter.

Much to Be Regretted.

Rugby, Yesterday. News reached London to-day that the All-India Congress, sitting at Bombay, had decided not to co-operate in the London Round Table Conference. The decision was arrived at following the receipt by Mahatma Gandhi of what was regarded as an unsatisfactory reply from the Viceroy, to whom he had addressed certain grievances alleging coercion in the collection of land tax in Gujarat.

The Bombay Government, after examining these allegations, had found that only the ordinary legal procedure had been followed, and that there had been no breach of the Delhi Truce.

Although the decision of Congress will be received with regret by those, both in England and in India who have endeavoured to secure the co-operation of the Congress Party in the resumed discussions of the Round Table Conference, that Conference will proceed with its work according to plan.

It will be recalled that co-operation of Congress in the Conference was one of the primary objects of the agreement arrived at between Lord Irwin and Mahatma Gandhi on March 5 of this year.

Authorities in India have carried out the terms of the agreement, both in letter and spirit, and everything possible consistent with the responsibility of the authorities for the operation of the ordinary law has been done to smooth away difficulties. —British Wireless Service.

Boycott.

Bombay, Yesterday. The Working Committee of the Indian National Congress has decided not to participate in the Round-Table Conference.

COMMUNAL RIOTING.

Troops Ordered Out. Three persons were killed and seventeen injured, when four hundred Hindu houses were burned, during a communal riot at Dera Ismail Khan.

The trouble arose in consequence of a fight between a Muslim shopkeeper and a Hindu customer over prices. Supporters of both communities joined in the battle.

Order has not yet been restored and troops have been despatched from Lahore. —Reuter.

BUDGET MUST BE BALANCED

EQUAL SACRIFICE AND EFFORT ON PART OF ALL

NEW FINANCE BILL?

PARLIAMENT TO MEET NEXT MONTH?

Britain's finances continue to engage the main attention of the public at home. There has been much coming and going of Party Leaders in Downing Street, and the Premier has had his time fully occupied in consultations and presiding over meetings.

It is understood that the Economy Committee has decided, that the Budget must be balanced, but that must be effected by equal sacrifice and effort all round.

A new Finance Bill to deal with the situation, it is said, may soon be introduced, to pass which Parliament may be summoned to meet next month.

The general state of the country's finances is regarded as sound in every respect, and there is no necessity for concern.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, however, takes a more pessimistic view of the state of affairs.

The rumour that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is considering a scheme for compulsory reversion is described as baseless.

The Labour Government is to accept full responsibility for the measures to be adopted, but all such, it is understood, will receive the full support of the Opposition Parties.

Further meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday next, and on Wednesday there will be a full Cabinet meeting. All are to be held in connection with the country's present financial condition.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has returned to Lossiemouth, Mr. Stanley Baldwin to France and Mr. Neville Chamberlain to Scotland, to continue their interrupted holidays. They are prepared, of course, to return to London at a moment's notice if the situation warrants.

NO NEED FOR NERVOUSNESS

London, Yesterday.

It is understood from an authoritative source that the Cabinet Economy Committee has definitely decided that the Budget must be balanced, and the fundamental principle to be applied in doing so is equal sacrifice and effort on the part of all sections of the population.

All Means Scrutinised. Various classes of expenditure have been scrutinised from the viewpoint of effecting the economies necessary, and a decision reached in regard to the road to be followed.

Treasury Examining Proposals. The Treasury is now examining detailed proposals for submission to the Committee on Monday.

Generally Sound. Well-informed quarters assert that the Committee has come to the conclusion that the finances of Great Britain in every respect are sound, and the recent fluctuations of sterling exchange are superficial and have not the least connection with the general state of the country's finances.

Simply An Emergency. The present position is regarded as an emergency requiring emergency methods.

Remedy Must Be Quick. It is authoritatively stated that the carrying out of the report may necessitate a series of bills sufficient to occupy two sessions of the House of Commons, whereas the position demands that the necessary changes be effected with as little delay as possible.

Cabinet Committee to Remain at Post. The Cabinet Committee will remain in session as long as it is necessary to complete its work, and it is hinted if a legislation is required, it will carry out any proposals made.

The House of Commons may be summoned to meet earlier than in the Autumn.

No Three-Party Conference. Government circles do not regard the visit of Conservative and Liberal leaders to Downing Street as meaning the establishment of a Three-Party Conference.

Government's Responsibility. It is reliably stated that the ultimate proposals will be submitted on the sole authority of the Government, but it is hoped that it will consult Opposition leaders from time to time with a view to obtaining the greatest measure of agreement.

Voluntary Conversion Easy.

It is also believed, if the proposed broad lines of economy are followed out voluntary conversion of War Loan and other Government stocks will be easy.

No Compulsory Conversion. It is authoritatively stated that the suggestion Mr. Philip Snowden is considering a scheme for compulsory conversion is baseless.

New Finance Bill.

A well-informed quarter has stated that Government may introduce a new Finance Bill to deal with the situation and provide for drastic economies. Also a short sitting of Parliament might be held in September to pass such a measure.

Visitors to No. 10. Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Neville Chamberlain visited No. 10, Downing Street, to-day and had a consultation with the Premier.

After the Cabinet Committee meeting, Sir Herbert Samuel similarly visited Downing Street later.

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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"SINS OF THE CHILDREN."

One strong point about Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's talkie "The Sins of the Children," now playing at the Queen's Theatre, is that it never strays from its theme, thus giving a good presentation of true family life. It is a relief from the ordinary nowadays talkie.

The story tells of the undying love of a father for his children. Through smooth and rough he bears up under it all with admirable courage, so much so that even when his younger son is to be arrested for embezzlement, he gives up his savings to make good. What he earns as a barber he spends on his children's education, one later graduating as a doctor and his daughter as a teacher.

In the role of father, Louis Mann acts remarkably well. His kindly actions and sympathetic smile win for him great admiration. Robert Montgomery and Leila Hyams supply the romance, whilst Elliott Nugent, Clara Blandick, Mary Doran, Francis X. Bushman, jun., Robert McWade, Dell Henderson and Henry Armetta give good support.

Preceding the feature attraction, there is shown the latest Hearst Newsreel, wherein one is given the opportunity of seeing the submarine Nautilus and hearing Sir Hubert Wilkins talk.

The first of "Around the World" talkie series, in which Mr. Burton Holmes describes in interesting manner (with illustrations) the glories of Nikko, completes the programme.

From Other Sources.

"THE SILENT ENEMY."

That it is important to film and preserve the vanishing life of the American Indian to-day as it is to send archaeological expeditions to discover his life of a thousand years ago—this is the motive back of the remarkable moving picture, "The Silent Enemy," made by Mr. W. Douglas Burden and presented for the first time in this Colony last night at the Central Theatre. It

is an intelligent motive. From it has come a picture so faithful, so honest, so beautiful and so dramatic as to make permanent contribution to the mysterious story of the North American continent.

Most of the filming was done in the heart of the great Temagami reserve in Northern Ontario, where the forests stand as they did before Columbia found the New Continent. The 150 Indians, with their full-blood chieftains, were gathered from all over the Northwest. Many of them never knew that they were "acting" or that a camera was taking pictures of them. And the animal scenes are as extraordinary and as interesting as those of the tribe itself.

"SCOTLAND YARD."

As is usually the case with stage parents, both Richard Bennett and Adrienne Morrison, father and mother of the three famous Bennett sisters Constance, Barbara and Joan, admonished their three daughters to stay from the theatre as a lifetime career.

As is usually the case with children of stage people, all three of them made a bee line for the theatre at the very first opportunity. Joan, being the youngest, was the last to follow the lead of her two older sisters, but her record of eight featured roles during the past eighteen months testifies to her rapid rise to the heights.

As Kandra, in the leading feminine role opposite Edmund Lowe in "Scotland Yard," dramatic all talking thriller now showing at the King's Theatre—Joan easily scores the triumph of her brief but colourful career.

"Scotland Yard" is the Fox Movietone version of Denison Clift's famous stage play of the same name adapted to the audible screen by Garrett Fort and directed by William K. Howard.

The story is a thrilling drama of a wife, whose husband disappeared in the war, confronted with an impostor who had been given the exact likeness of her husband by a plastic surgeon's mistake. So perfect is the imitation, she is fooled to the extent of giving her love to the strange man, and only the timely work of detectives from Scotland Yard prevents a further tragedy when the criminal posing as her husband is concerned in the robbery of a million pounds.

Edmund Lowe plays his first dual role since the advent of sound in "Scotland Yard."

"THE STORM."

No pains were spared by Universal in making "The Storm," coming shortly to the Central Theatre, exactly right as to location and atmosphere—and plenty of pains were the result.

The picture deals with the problem of the eternal triangle enacted in a snow-bound cabin in the wilds of western Canada. Inside the cabin rages the storm of love and passion, outside in the rage of the elements.

Through force of circumstances, two men, one a stalwart son of the backwoods, the other a polished product of the cities, are imprisoned with a beautiful French-Canadian girl in the snow-bound cabin. Both desire her, each in his own way. How the problem is solved makes one of the most dramatic pictures that has ever come to the screen.

"DON'T BET ON WOMEN."

While talking pictures have lessened the popularity of a great many, the coming of the microphone has been a tremendous boon to others.

Edmund Lowe's steady rise among the favourites is a pertinent example of this, due, no doubt, to his wealth pictures.

Santa Clara County, California, has been the seat of the Lowe family and fortunes for many years. Edmund was born there, in San Jose, on March 3. He later graduated from Santa Clara University at the age of 18 with a B.A. degree. After a post graduate course, he became a faculty member at the age of 19, the youngest man to receive such distinction at Santa Clara.

But young-Edmund, just emerging into the handsome, tall, square-shouldered fellow who was later to win feminine favour as a distinguished leading man, had higher ambitions than a career in pedagogy. He joined the stock company in Los Angeles.

This was a deciding factor in his success in talking pictures. He learned to sway emotions with his voice; learned the proper value of each gesture and each tonal shade, in the enunciation of words.

To date, he has appeared in nine all-talking pictures. As many, in fact, as time has allowed him to make, for his steadily increasing popularity makes it imperative that he make as many as possible in order to satisfy the great public demand for Edmund Lowe films.

His current production is "Don't Bet On Women," Fox Movietone production directed by William K. Howard, in which Jeanette MacDonald is co-featured, which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Sunday.

The drama is a comedy farce revolving about a strange wager laid between a charming bachelor and an opinionated husband regarding the theoretical virtue of women. J. M. Kerrigan, Roland Young and Una Merkel are seen in chief support of a cast that also includes Helene Millard and Henry Kolker.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

Lucille La Verne, one of America's most versatile actresses, who started London recently with her bewhiskered portrayal of Shakespeare's "Shylock," adds another distinctive part to her varied characterizations with her role in "Abraham Lincoln," D. W. Griffith's all-dialogue production for United Artists, coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

Miss La Verne first made up her mind she would play in the picture a month prior to actual filming when she cabled from London requesting Griffith to consider her candidacy for the role of Lincoln, but Walter Huston was selected for the title role and Miss La Verne was signed instead for an important supporting part.

The cast of "Abraham Lincoln" includes 112 of the stage and screen's greatest character players, headed by Walter Huston, Kay Hammond, Una Merkel, Ian Keith, Jason Robards, Hobart Bosworth, and Frank Campeau.

A RETORT TO GENERAL DAWES.

General Dawes, the United States Ambassador in London, apparently alluding to his frequent journeys between Great Britain and America, declared in a recent utterance at Washington that "diplomacy is easy on the head but hell on the feet." "That depends," replies Mr. Henry Fletcher, a former Ambassador to Italy and Belgium "upon whether you use your head or your feet."

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Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;
"Scotland Yard."
To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Sins Of The Children."
To-day—Central Theatre;
"The Silent Enemy."
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"The Flying Fool."
To-day—World Theatre;
"The Fairy Sisters."
To-day—Star Theatre;
"Redemption."

Radio.
See to-day's programme on page 7.

Home Mails.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Chichibu Maru); Outward for Europe via Siberia, (Empress of Canada) 9.30 a.m.; for Europe via Suez (Rajputana) 10.30 a.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Meeting.
To-day—Hong Kong Football Club, at Chamber of Commerce, 6.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.
Monday—16 Queen's Road (Taiping Building), marble statues, busts and pedestals, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday—"Palace Store," 23, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Stock-in-trade, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
Monday—Regimental Band Concert in Botanical Gardens, 9.15 p.m.

WATER RETURN.

Most Reservoirs Below Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on August 1, 1931, were as under:

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam Byewash	22' 4" B	15' 0" B
Tytam Intermediate	L	L
Tytam Tuk	2' 11" B	15' 7" B
Wong Nei Chung	1' 7" B	20' 7" B
Pokfulum	0' 10" B	9' 5" B
Aberdeen Upper	—	40' 0" B

[Notes: B denotes "Below Overflow," A denotes "Above Overflow," L denotes "Level with Overflow."] Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.
Total 2,040.65 1,575.54
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July, 1931.

	1930	1931
Consumption	349.87	431.35
Estimated population	444,600	411,950
Consumption per head per day	28.2	33.8
Includes 92.51 million gallons from Mainland		
Includes 74.48 million gallons from Mainland		

July, 1930.—Constant supply during the whole month to district North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street. 16 hours supply (8 a.m.—9 p.m.) to all other districts from July 1 to 23 inclusive. Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts from July 24 to 31 inclusive.

July, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	L	16' 10" B
Byewash Reservoir	L	L
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	L	L
Reception Reservoir	L	2' 4" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	1930	1931
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Estimated population 176,200
Consumption per head per day 25.4
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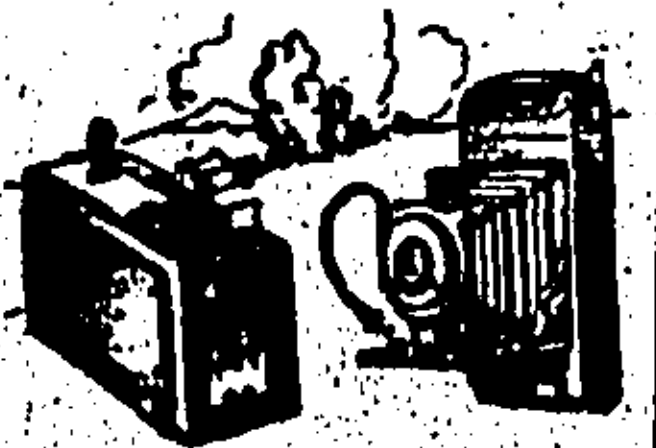
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

SOUTH CHINA TEAM HOME AGAIN.

Remarkable Record on Tour.

OVER FORTY TROPHIES.

The South China touring football team returned to the Colony yesterday morning by the S.S. Cathay. They left Hong Kong on May 26, and were away for just over two and a-half months and created a very good impression wherever they went, and were enthusiastically received. The team received over 40 silver trophies.

In all 24 matches were played, and with the exception of three games which were drawn, the tourists emerged victorious in all the remaining encounters scoring 110 goals to their opponents' 23. Their highest score was 11-0 at Medan, whilst the greatest number of goals conceded in a single game was their first match in Java when they drew at 5 goals all.

Whilst in Singapore, the team participated in a charity match and a sum of \$3,327.56 was remitted in aid of the Kwangtung flood relief fund.

Lee Wai-tong, the inside left, headed the list of goal scorers with 31 to his credit; Fung King-cheung was second with 24 goals; Ip Pak-wah, the fast winger, credited himself with 21; and Chu Kwok-luen found the net on eighteen occasions.

The full result of the tour follows:—

v. Annamites Selected	5-0
v. Champions, Indo-China	4-1
v. Champions, Saigon	1-1
v. Runners-up, Batavia	5-5
v. Luno (Champions, Bandoeng)	3-2
v. Bandoeng Selected (Java Champion)	6-0
v. Uni, Bandoeng	4-1
v. Mulang Selected	7-0
v. Tsengniehui Selected	7-1
v. Champions, Samarang	8-1
v. Samarang Selected	8-0
v. Djicia Selected	6-2
v. Batavia Runners-up	4-0
v. West Java	5-1
v. S.V.B.B., Batavia	2-1
v. Champions, Batavia	3-1
v. Batavia Selected	2-0
v. Combined Army, Singapore	3-3
v. All Singapore	1-0
v. Singapore Selected	3-1
v. Combined Chinese, Medan	7-0
v. Medan Selected	2-1
v. E. of Sumatra Selected	11-0
v. Malaya Selected	3-1
Total	110-23

THE 1931 WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT.

Discovery of Margaret Scriven.

GREAT DOUBLES ENCOUNTER.

"Wimbledon 1931" is over, and once again our successes have been of a negligible quantity, writes C. W. Packford in "Sporting Life."

It is difficult to say what is wrong with British lawn tennis. We possess both men and women whose production of the necessary strokes and court-craft is at least equal to others, and yet in a crisis they fail.

The only happenings of the past tournament of an encouraging nature have been the undoubted advance into the "first fight" of Fred Perry, and the discovery of the eighteen-year-old Margaret Scriven. "Peggy" Scriven will soon take a very high place among the leaders of the game if she receives encouragement.

The final day naturally lost much interest owing to the inability of Frank Shields to meet Sidney Wood in the final of the men's singles.

The only British success was not one on which we may unduly congratulate ourselves. The victory in the women's doubles of Mrs. Shepherd-Barron, the new Wimbledon Cup captain, and Miss Phyllis Mudford was gained at the expense of players who a comparatively short time previously had been encouraged in another strenuous battle.

The most exciting encounter of the day was the American-French duel in the men's doubles. In this Henri Cochet, and Jacques Brugnon, winners on two previous occasions, had a battle royal with George Lott, and "Johnny" Van Ryn, the latter a winner in the last two seasons when associated with Wilmer Allison. The Americans, playing resolutely, claimed the right to take the cup back to their own country for the third successive year.

LADIES' NIGHT FETE AT V.R.C.

Innovation to Be Supported.

THEATRE'S INTEREST.

Preparations for the first Ladies' Night Fete at the V.R.C. to-morrow night have been going on steadily throughout the week and the success of this innovation is almost assured.

Last Tuesday a large gathering of girls attended what might be termed as a preliminary rehearsal and yesterday evening a further trial was held. Miss M. George is to be congratulated on her initiative and untiring efforts to make this novel event the success it deserves.

Yesterday evening the girls were pleasantly surprised by the arrival of Mr. Pang Nin, a member of the projection staff of the Hong Amusements, and, as a result, several hundred feet of bathing belles may soon be flashed on the screen at the Queen's Theatre.

To-morrow night's fete includes the following events:

50 yards Hurdles (Ladies)	—
100 yards (Ladies' Open)	—
50 yards (Ladies' Handicap)	—
Pillow Fight (Ladies)	—
25 yards (Ladies' Open)	—
Derby Race (Ladies)	—
High Dive (Ladies)	—
Team Race (Ladies)	—
Water Polo (Ladies)	—
220 yards (Men's Interport Trial)	—

SEVEN SISTERS RIDE.

Seven sisters were the only riders in a special race at the Pin-der Derby meeting.

One of them, Della Croxon, aged eight, fractured a collar-bone when her mount fell, but shouted, "I'm all right." The race was won by Lorna Croxon, aged 13, and the axes of the others ranged from 18 to four and a half.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—First Division—Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Police R.C. v. Club de Recreation; Civil Service C.C. v. Talkoo R.C.; Second Division—Talkoo R.C. v. Yacht Club; Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Club de Recreation v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Hong Kong Electric R.C. **BASEBALL**—To-morrow—Japanese v. U.S.S. Helena. **Sunday**—Hong Kong B.C. v. Chinese Athletics.

ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day—Middlesex v. Warwickshire. Yorkshire v. Glamorgan. Hampshire v. Kent. Worcestershire v. Surrey. Gloucestershire v. Sussex. Notts v. Leicestershire. To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday—Yorkshire v. Middlesex. Lancashire v. New Zealand. Somerset v. Sussex. Leicestershire v. Glamorgan. Northamptonshire v. Derbyshire. Kent v. Notts. Hampshire v. Essex. Gloucestershire v. Surrey. Worcestershire v. Warwickshire. **GOLF**—To-day and To-morrow—Canadian Amateur Championship. **SWIMMING**—To-day—Army Championships (Last Day). **FOOTBALL**—To-morrow—Scottish League.

SOMERSET DEFEAT NORTHANTS.

Visitors Dismissed for 99 Runs.

NINE WICKETS WIN.

London, Yesterday. At Weston-Super-Mare to-day Somersetshire defeated their visitors, Northamptonshire, by nine wickets after two days' play.

Full results as cabled by Reuters were as follows:—Somersetshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets at Weston-Super-Mare.

Scores:—Northants: 99 and 164. Somerset: 235 and 29 for 1.

JACK DEMPSEY PENNILESS.

Comeback Is Now Necessary.

EXTRAVAGANT MANIA.

London, July 13. According to a Chicago dispatch, quoted by the Daily Express Jack Dempsey, having spent a \$500,000 fortune, is penniless and plans to re-enter the ring, fully cognizant of the fact that his mere presence, regardless of the status of his opponent, will draw an enormous crowd.

Dempsey is understood to have lost \$50,000 on Wall Street and a similar sum on sporting schemes in Reno. He is said to possess a mania for making expensive presents in order to make others happy and his lavish gifts, his estranged wife, Estelle Taylor, recently said, total more than \$50,000.

At the end of June this year, Dempsey was offered \$150,000 to fight the winner of the Schmelling-Stribling bout (won on July 4 by Schmelling) but he refused the offer, saying that he was planning his own shows and was staging a fight at Reno, on September 7.

DULEEPSINHJI AND PATAUDI.

Comparisons in Their Styles.

FELINE GRACE.

Comparisons of the Nawab of Pataudi and Duleepsinhji are inevitable after the Nawab's record-breaking performance recently, in the inter-Varsity match.

Those who have seen both the great Indian batsmen in action will agree that from a purely enjoyment viewpoint Duleep comes first. There is more sparkle about his dashing play—more of that easy grace which is the true delight of the onlooker. Indeed, for pure beauty of batting, there is perhaps only one other man in England whom the crowd would rather watch; needless to say, he is Frank Woolley.

The Nawab, however, does not fall far short of his countryman in that feline grace, and there were times in the Varsity match when one sat fascinated by his ease of execution. But he is just a little more of the solid workman than Duleep.

That he is as great a batsman needs no more testimony than his extraordinary string of big scores in recent games.

GOLF.

Starting Times for Sunday.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning on Sunday:—

9.20 a.m.	J. R. Hinton, R. H. Wild.
9.24 "	W. C. Shields, G. Castle.
9.28 "	A. C. I. Boyker, A. Leach.
9.32 "	A. D. Humphreys, O. Eager.

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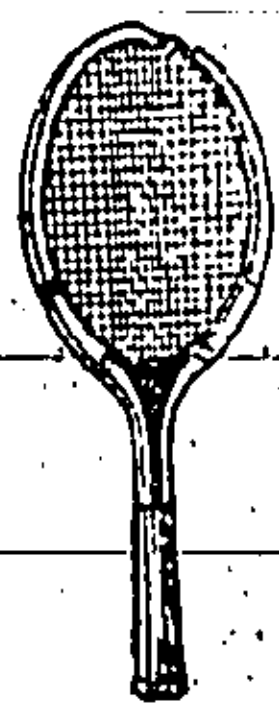
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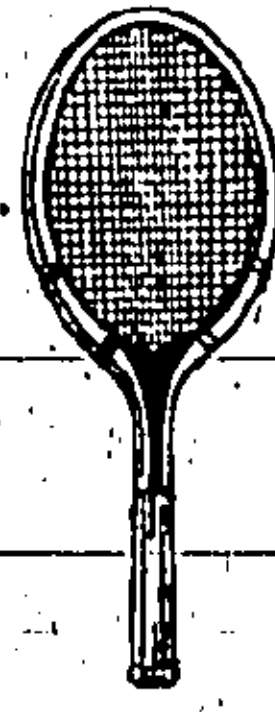


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CONSEQUENT IMPROVEMENT.

Two years ago Henri Cocket paid a lawn tennis visit to Japan, and Jiro Satoh, then twenty, played with the distinguished visitor, was duly impressed, and, consciously or otherwise, proceeded to imitate the Frenchman.

Satoh recently entered the last eight at Wimbledon, and was beaten by Borotra.

It is a good reproduction that is now to be seen. There is a very ordinary service, no flourish, no great pace, but it is well placed, and one saw him "ace" Lee with a second delivery for this reason. Satoh's forehand is excellent; like Cocket, he pounces on a likely ball, hitting clean and early, but unlike Cocket, his average hit is harder. On the backhand the Japanese is more severe, and, indeed, superior to the original model. On the volley we see competent volleying from any part of the court, but not the electric, the daringly careless, variety that Cocket gives. That sudden spring at a wide passing ball on the forehand, the downward long lunge that just caresses the ball, imparting back-spin, and leaving the ball "dead" near the net—this, too, the Japanese can do.

Satoh is a little man, an impulsive one, with very broad jaw, and a slow walk between the rallies; but Cocket's ability to walk about court is against all and sundry. Tilden not excepted until he finds himself near enough the net to start a volleying campaign, that characteristic remains pure Cocket and has not yet been reproduced. Nor does Satoh put out his tongue to greet an egregious fluke; that also is individual Cocket.

**BRITISH SENIORS
TRIUMPHANT.**

Defeat Americans in
Golf Match.

EARL OF DERBY'S CUP.

Great Britain's senior golfers, who are over 55 years of age, showed their juniors that America can be beaten by winning the Earl of Derby's Cup from the United States in the International match, which was concluded on the Swinley Forest's Club course on July 15.

Of the twelve singles Great Britain captured eight, and having succeeded in the foursomes on Wednesday by 4 points to 2, won by 12 points to 6.

The most remarkable match was that in which the Rev. H. A. Tapsfield, at one time 7 up, collapsed and was defeated at the last hole by the American, J. W. Faison.

MORKEL VICE-CAPTAIN.

Denys Morkel has been appointed vice-captain of the South African team to tour Australia in October. The team will be sent to Australia under the original terms—namely, that South Africa accepts full liability and takes half the share of the gate receipts. The Australian proposal to pay all expenses up to £12,000, plus a 10 per cent. share of the profits, was considered by the South African board to be inadequate.

S. Steyn, the Transvaal and former Western Province left-hand, will take the place of I. J. Siedle, who was unable to accept the invitation. Steyn is one of the most promising batsmen in the Union.

ARSENAL BOMBSHELL.

London, Aug. 7. Alec James, the Arsenal star forward, who had delayed signing on again for the Highbury team, has now definitely resigned. [The Arsenal paid Preston North End £20,000 for the transfer of James in June, 1929. It has been stated that he declined to resign for the Arsenal unless he was also given a civil job.]

**FAREWELL MATCH AT
MONTREAL.**

British Soccer Eleven
Score Easy Win.

VERY FINE RECORD.

Montreal, July 16. The English touring team beat a composite Canadian team picked from Toronto and Montreal by 10 goals to nil in the farewell match of their tour here yesterday.

They led 4-0 at half-time, and increased their lead at regular intervals afterwards. Their footwork was amazingly accurate; their display generally, indeed, was described as the best ever seen in Canada.

Alexander scored the first goal, Smith the second, Hine the third, and then Cookson scored four in succession, bringing his total for the tour up to 25. Hine scored another and then Barry added two more. During the tour the team have scored 107 goals against 12, and won all seventeen matches. They leave for England on Friday.

**KAYE DON RECEIVED
BY THE DUCE.**

Speed Feats Discussed
in Detail.

FUTURE PLANS.

Rome, July 17. Kaye Don was received by Signor Mussolini this morning. Their talk was long and cordial, almost every detail of the achievements and equipment of the speed-boat Miss England II, being discussed.

Although he returned to Gardone to-night Kaye Don does not propose to try for another record there. He will make a few tests, and leave for England in the week-end, to prepare for his contest with Gar Wood in the United States.

"Miss England," he said, "will be sent to America early in August, and I shall follow soon afterwards, as I want to have some practice at Detroit before the run begins. I am still working with a single propeller, which I have found most satisfactory so far."

**ANOTHER TRIUMPH
FOR YOUTH.**

H. G. Bentley Wins the
French Amateur.

YOUNG GOLF CHAMPION.

The victory of H. G. Bentley in the French amateur championship at Granville, Normandy, is not only a triumph for British golf, it is yet another triumph for youth. Young players have had a remarkably successful season, as the following list shows:

Amateur Championship.—Eric Martin Smith, age 22; runner-up, John de Forest, 24.

Women's Championship.—Miss Enid Wilson, 21; runner-up, Miss Wanda Morgan, 21.

French Amateur Championship.—H. G. Bentley, 23.

English Championship.—Leonard Crawley, 27.

Bentley is a member of the Hesketh Club, Southport, writes George Greenwood, and quite recently he won the Lancashire County Championship, a title previously held by Wald Hardman, a Walker Cup player. In the final of the French event Bentley defeated another Lancashire player—C. E. Hardman, of Bury—by 4 and 3.

My contact with Bentley was in this year's English Championship at Hunstanton, in which he created a most favourable impression. In the County Championship, playing for Lancashire in a north-easterly gale of wind and rain, he accomplished the best individual score—76. In the circumstances it was a wonderful effort; one which stamped him as a golfer of more than ordinary ability. That is was not a flash in the pan was clearly demonstrated in the individual championship, in which Bentley fought his way to the last eight, where he was beaten by T. H. Bowman, the Lincolnshire title-holder.

Of medium height, slimly built, the Lancashire youth, produces results by good timing and a beautiful wrist action. There is a promising future before him; I have no doubt that he will be one of the nominated players for the British team to meet America in the Walker

**ALL-ROUNDER PASSES
AWAY IN LONDON.**

Dr. E. B. Turner a
Great Sportsman.

ENGLISH RUGGER CUP.

Dr. Edward Beadon Turner, the famous surgeon and sportsman, has died in London at the age of 76.

Dr. Turner had an all-round interest in sport. He set up world's records, amateur and professional, from two miles to 25 miles on a tricycle, beating all bicycle times.

On the path he held all tricycle records from half-mile to 50 miles, and with S. Les, put up the 50 miles tandem tricycle record on the road.

Dr. Turner played "Rugger" for England, had served on the Rugby Union Committee, and was vice-president of the London Athletic Club and National Cyclists' Union.

His recreations were yachting—he held an extra master's certificate in navigation—shooting, cycling, skating, and motoring. He also championed athletics for women.

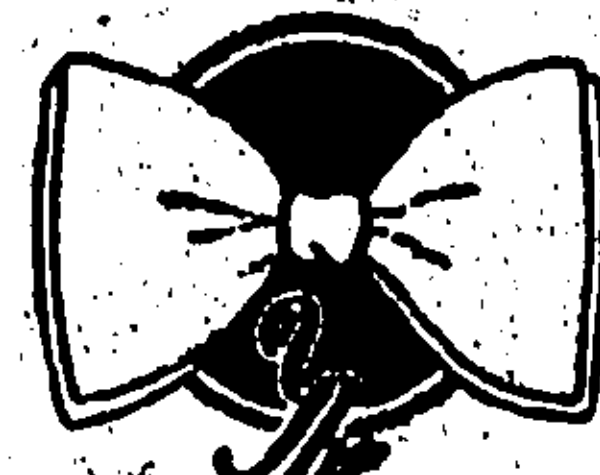
NURMI'S RECORD.

At Helsingfors the world's champion long distance runner, Paavo Nurmi broke the record previously considered unassailable and covered two miles in 8 mins. 59.3/5 secs. The previous best was 9 mins. 12.5/5 secs. The record was created by E. Wide of Sweden.

Nurmi holds the world's record for the mile, 3,000 metres, 3 miles, 4 miles, 5 miles, 10,000 metres, and 10 miles and now for 2 miles.

Cup match to be played in the States next year. Martin Smith, the British champion, will be another of the nominations.

As the new French champion, Bentley's name joins a long list of British players who have won this event, among them being the Hon. Michael Scott, Lord Charles Hope, T. D. Armour, G. D. Hannay, and T. D. Bourn. George von Elm was the previous holder of the title.

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**THORBURN'S FATE
IN DOUBT.**

Nothing Material Added
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REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The further Chinese official investigation into the Thorburn case, taken up as a result of the recent representations of the British Government, made through Sir Miles Lampson, has just been concluded. It was conducted by the Vice-Minister of War at Soochow, where, according to various unofficial reports Thorburn was last seen. The Vice-Minister's secretary and one or two other members of his staff accompanied the Vice-Minister.

No Further Light.

It is understood that the report of that official to the Foreign Office, which will be handed to Sir Miles Lampson in the course of a day or two, throws no further light on the case, nor does it indeed add anything material to the previous Chinese official report.

No One Arrested or Killed.

Like the latter, the Vice-Minister's report mentions the fracas near Soochow between an unknown person or persons and some Chinese soldiers, in which two soldiers were shot, the assailant escaping. It also reiterates the statement made in the previous Chinese official report that there is no truth in the unofficial stories that a foreigner had been arrested subsequently. No foreigner, says the Vice-Minister, was either arrested or killed.

No Confirmation of Rumours. There is, therefore, no confirmation from any official source of the circumstantial evidence adduced in the report of Mr. Scott, the British Vice-Consul who conducted investigations, lasting from June 9 to 16, that a foreigner, whose description tallied with that of Mr. Thorburn, had been seen in Soochow with his hands tied behind his back, and

P. & O. SURGEON.

Judge's Great Doubt
in Case.

DIVORCE ACTION.

In the Divorce Court on July 15 Lord Merrivale heard the petition of Mr. Frederick Thomas Allen, surgeon on the s.s. Kashmir, of the P. and O. Steamship Company, for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Flora Elizabeth, on the ground of her adultery with Mr. Louis J. Benbow, stated to be a dog biscuit manufacturer, who was cited as co-respondent.

A defence had been entered; with counter charges of connivance, but this was not proceeded with, and a claim for damages made by the petitioner against co-respondent was withdrawn.

Mr. Allen, in the witness-box, denied all the allegations of his wife.

Mr. T. Bucknill (for petitioner) asked for a decree nisi with costs.

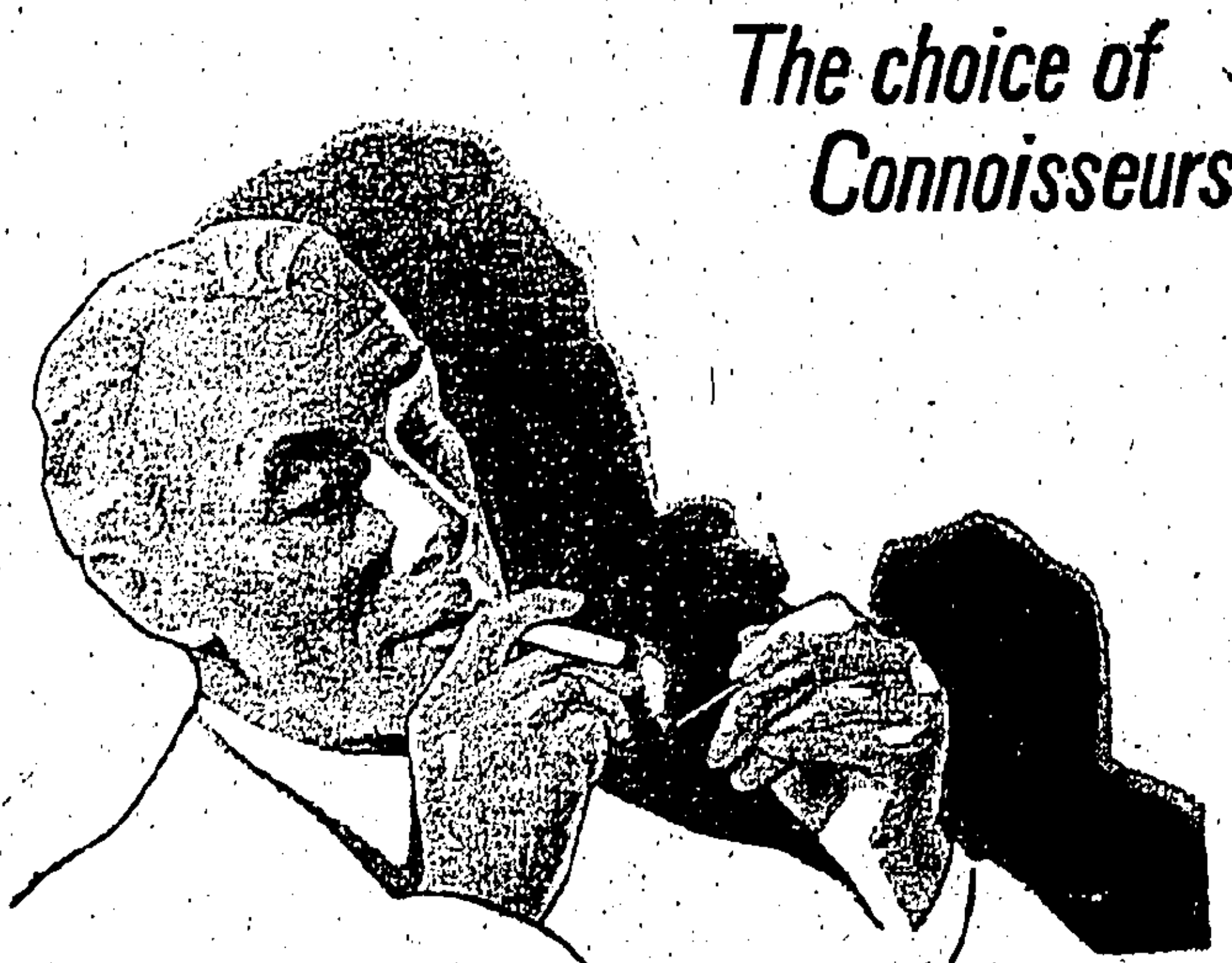
The President—"That must be so. I have very great doubt as to what I ought to do about the proceedings in this case. Petitioner is a professional man, having commitments, and a standing which can be easily imperilled by imputations of such a kind as are contained in the answer here. They are imputations of a very grave character."

"He has sworn that in substance, the whole of them are untrue, and he has not been cross-examined about them. Now the respondent verified her answer as the procedure of the Court requires she should do, and that verifying affidavit places her in a serious position. I will say no more about it at present. There will be a decree nisi with costs."

in the custody of the military police. Unofficial reports, said to have been gleaned from Chinese prior to the first Chinese official investigation, gave the additional information that the foreigner had an ear cut off. Other reports mentioned that he was injured in other ways.

Thorburn's Fate a Mystery.

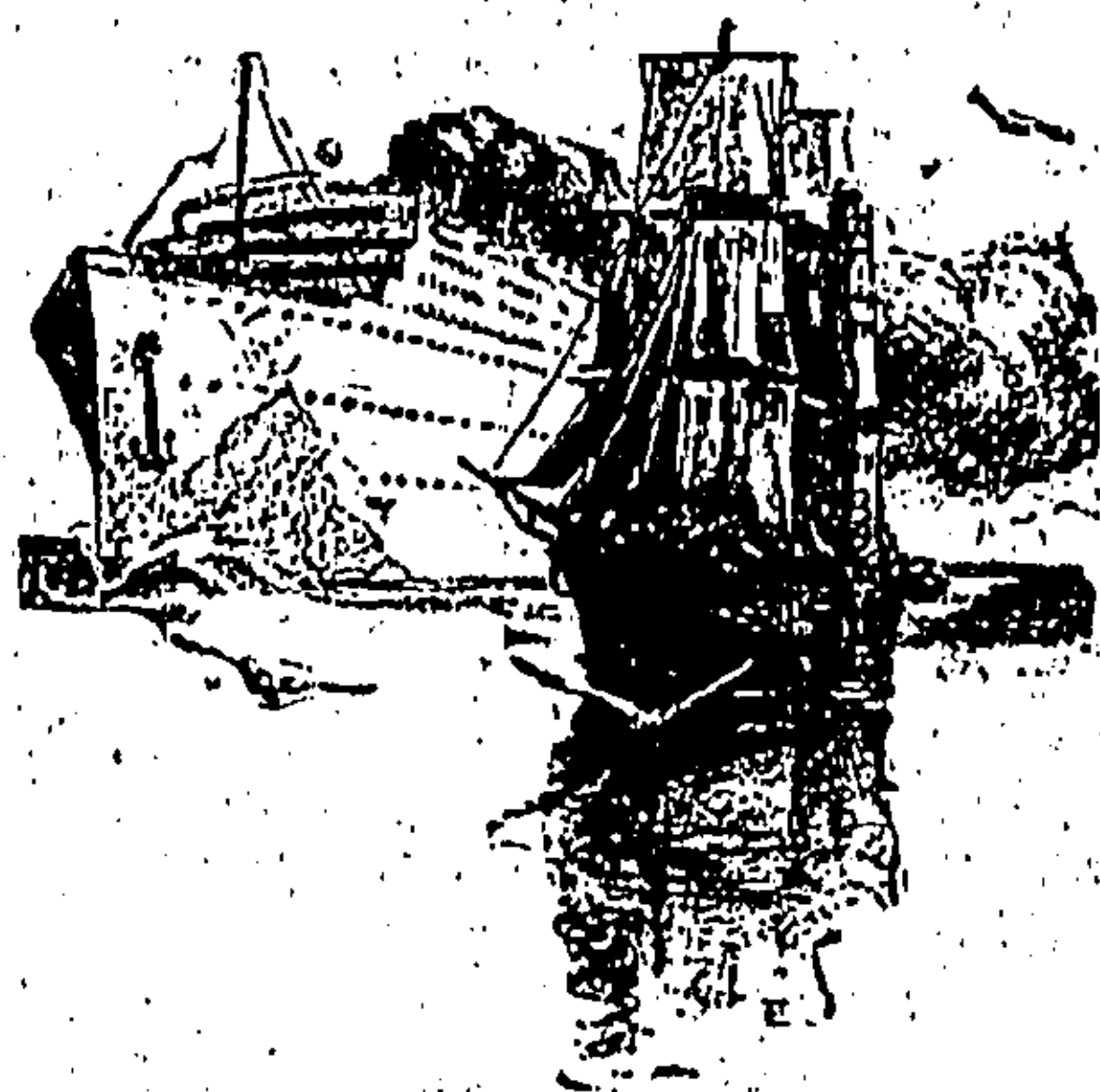
However the two Chinese official investigations deny, as stated, that any foreigner had even been arrested, and thus what happened to young Mr. Thorburn is likely to remain a mystery.—
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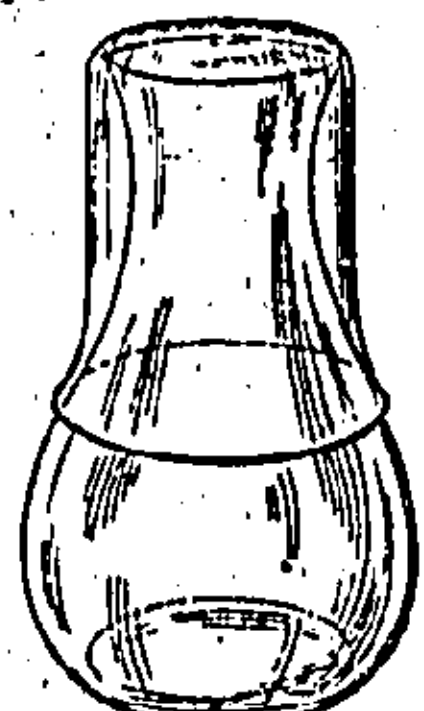
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Macao Disaster.

On the occasion of a disaster such as that of yesterday at the Flora Fort in Macao, few words are required to express the sincere sympathy of this Colony with our sister Colony. The death roll and list of injured are much heavier than the earlier reports received here indicated, which is no consolation in itself. Some cause for gratification is that the view of the Portuguese Consul-General, as expressed in an interview with a China Mail representative yesterday to the cause of the disaster has been officially confirmed as the correct one, namely, spontaneous combustion engendered by the heat. At the same time it is doing the sister Colony a disservice to hint in print both before and after the official explanation was forthcoming that the cause was of quite a different nature altogether, thus encouraging mere rumour-mongers, always rife on such occasions, to do their worst.

A most regrettable feature of the calamity is that several European women and children are among the victims. One little girl of eleven years of age was killed, whilst three ladies were among those injured, according to unofficial reports received here. Equally tragic is the number of European officers and civilians who have been either killed or injured, whilst no less sympathy will be extended to the relatives of the Africans and Chinese who figure amongst the casualties.

In due course it may be that the Portuguese community in both Colonies will open a fund toward the relief of those who have lost dependants and relatives and of those who have suffered injury. It goes without saying that such a fund will have the strongest support not alone of the Portuguese but of all other sections of Hong Kong. A pleasing feature of the recent Poseldon disaster was the number of subscriptions to the relief fund made by other than British, and doubtless this will be borne gratefully in mind if a relief fund is

opened in Macao and Hong Kong in respect of the magazine explosion. One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. By expressing sympathy of a practical nature in the trials and calamities of others the cause of international concord can be furthered even in such tiny outposts of the British and Portuguese Empires as Hong Kong and Macao.

There may be a lesson in the Macao calamity for the Government and military authorities in Hong Kong. It is common knowledge that certain schemes have been germinating in respect of ensuring the greater safety of the inhabitants by the transference of ammunition stores to points more remote from crowded residential areas. It would be reassuring to have an official assurance that these schemes have not been shelved to some time in the nebulous future. As in the case of Macao, causes outwith the control of the authorities may one day operate and be responsible for an appalling toll of life and damage to property, and, therefore, the utmost possible measures of precaution are imperative forthwith. The point need not be further laboured here.

Mail Commentary.

Jack Diamond.

This notorious gangster was laid by the heel on April 21 of this year, when he was arrested and charged with assault in the second degree on a middle-aged lorry driver, named Parks. It was alleged by Parks, who appeared before the Grand Jury with his face covered with bruises and scratches, that Jack Diamond and two confederates had held him up, beat and tied him to a tree with his feet over a fire. Toasting him thus it was hoped to extract an answer about a load of older Parks was at the time delivering. One of Diamond's confederates, John Scacchio, in this connection, was sentenced on August 5 to 16 years imprisonment. It was a case of a particularly revolting torture, and Scacchio deserved fully all he got. There are some who think he got off lightly.

Brave My Lord!

Records, like promises, and pie crusts, are made to be broken. Only last Saturday (August 8), Leon Cushman driving an Austin Seven (super-charged) did the flying kilometre and flying mile in just fractions over 102 and 100 miles an hour. Following upon this splendid achievement Vaseunt

Ridley, in a midget car of his own make, has gone one better. Cushman has not long worn the laurel crown, but he will not grudge making it over to My Lord the Viscount Ridley. As the former holder of the records, George Eyston, has already intimated that he will attempt to recapture the record, Cushman, no doubt, will do ditto. And so it will go on until to-day gets ahead of to-morrow!

A World-Cure.

By this time, it is a commonplace of daily conversation that the trouble from which we are all suffering is a world-trouble. Nobody speaks any longer of Britain's industrial depression without acknowledging that some at least of our trouble is due to the depression of the rest of the world.

There are those, indeed, who go so far as to argue that if the rest of the world returned to anything like normal prosperity there would be very little wrong with Britain.

We need not now discuss that cheerful opinion, nor need we discuss exactly what proportion of our troubles is due to purely British conditions and what to world-conditions. What is really worth remark is that, though everybody is talking about world-depression, hardly anyone has much to say about the possibility of a world-cure.

That is understandable in the case of those who suppose that the world-depression is the result of a great number of different circumstances—the burdens and reactions of the world-war, the isolation of Russia, the disorders in China and India, the stock market boom and collapse in the United States, and so on. If these are, indeed, the whole cause of the world-depression, it is a black outlook and there is little use of talking.

For it will be only after many years and endless piecemeal reconstruction that these causes will be removed.

News in Brief.

A newly born Chinese baby, which was found by the Police abandoned on the road side at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, has been taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Mr. L. V. Halvigjansen, chief engineer on board the s.s. Bing Jong, which is lying at the Kowloon Docks, has reported to the Police that between 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 6 a.m. yesterday, some person stole from his cabin, jewellery, money and articles to the total value of \$580.

MONEY LEFT.

Estate of Mr. Alfred H. Skelton.

FORMERLY IN HONG KONG.

Local estate valued at \$287,000 with a total gross of \$50,000, net personally \$44,596, was left by Mr. Alfred Holland Skelton, late of Hong Kong, who died at South Lodge, Canford Cliffs, Dorset, on May 18, 1930. Grant of resealing of certified copy of probate and codicil of the will has been made to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, lawful attorney for the Public Trustee and executors.

Chiu Lau Ching Foon, alias Lau Ching-foon, alias Chiu Lau-shi, alias Lau Shi, concubine, who resided at 366, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and died at St. Paul's Hospital, Hong Kong, on or about April 5 last, left estate valued at \$54,800. Probate of the will has been granted to Chiu Sze-ki, who was her husband. He is also named as beneficiary under the will.

FOKI DROWNED.

Sampan Capsizes at Aberdeen.

Lo Kam-hee, master of a fishing junk at Aberdeen, has notified the Police that, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, four foks engaged a small sampan to weigh an anchor. The craft capsized, and the men were thrown into the water.

Three were saved, but the fourth is missing, and it is feared he was drowned.

A search for the unfortunate man has proved fruitless.

NEWS IN ADVTS.

The stock in trade of the King's Silk Store will be auctioned by Lamert Brothers on August 21, 24, and 26.

CUTTING GRASS.

Trespasser on Sports Ground.

\$3 FINE IMPOSED.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. Schofield this morning, charged with having trespassed on the Military Sports Ground at Sookun-poo. He pleaded guilty.

Inspector J. McClelland informed the Magistrate that defendant was actually caught by Private Pritchard, of the South Wales Borderers, in the act of cutting grass. Captain Cooper, of the same Regiment, had also complained that the grass had been cut in large patches at different times. "The grass is cut so bare," said the Inspector, "that if it does not rain soon the roots will die. The land is not military land but land vested in the military."

Defendant—I was passing through, and not cutting grass.

His Worship—Did he actually cut grass?

Inspector McClelland—There are two baskets full here in Court.

A fine of \$3 or five days' jail was imposed.

BUDGET MUST BE BALANCED.

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A Pessimistic View.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, interviewed, said that no concrete proposals had been submitted to Mr. Baldwin or himself when they saw the Premier.

He described the situation as "very serious, but not irretrievable," and was of opinion that it was essential for the Government to show unmistakably its intention to take no delay with whatever steps were deemed necessary to balance the Budget and convince Foreign opinion that it was in earnest.

Mr. Baldwin left for France this evening, and Mr. Neville Chamberlain for Scotland, but both are ready to return to London immediately, if necessary.—Reuter.

Premier Resumes Holiday.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister, who on Monday night interrupted his holiday at Loughborough, to visit London to discuss with his Cabinet colleagues the financial situation and other questions, was able to return to Scotland this evening in company with his daughter. Adverse weather prevented him making the journey by air, as had been intended, and so he left by the night express.

Premier's Busy Day.

During the day in London he again devoted his attention to the budgetary position. He presided, this morning, at the resumed discussions of the special sub-committee of the Cabinet which is considering the economies which must be effected to secure a balanced Budget. Later he met Sir Herbert Samuel, representing the Leader of the Liberal Party, and this afternoon he was in consultation with Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Leader of the Conservative Party and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, one of its principal spokesmen.

Support of Opposition.

It may be taken for granted that although Government will accept full and sole responsibility for the measures to be adopted in pursuance of their determination to protect a balanced budget, those measures will have the support in Parliament of both Opposition parties.

Equal Distribution of Burden.

Rugby, Yesterday. It is generally recognized that economy measures must involve sacrifices on all sections of the community and the plans now engaging attention are understood to be designed to secure, as far as possible, an even distribution of the burden.

No Need for Anxiety.

In view of Britain's immense resources there is nothing to justify the recent nervousness which has arisen, but the need for economy is unquestioned.

Economy Proposals Considered.

Heads of National expenditure were examined anew to-day by the Cabinet Committee which, it is reported, has treated in broad outline certain proposals, which will be examined in detail by the Treasury. It is not supposed that these proposals arise wholly or even mainly out of the recent Economy Report's recommendations, which, if adopted in their entirety, would involve legislation that might well occupy the time of Parliament for two sessions.

The situation is an emergency one and emergency methods must be found for dealing with it.

Further Meetings. The Prime Minister will return to London to attend the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Monday afternoon at which a more precise examination of to-day's proposals will be undertaken.

A further meeting will be held on Tuesday and the full Cabinet has been summoned for Wednesday. Immediate Legislation Necessary.

Almost immediate legislation may be necessary to give effect to some of their decisions.

It is recalled that the motion for adjournment of the House of Commons provided that if it appeared to the Speaker that public interest demanded reassembly before October he might fix a date for an earlier meeting.—British Wireless Service.

Three Party Conference.

London, Yesterday. Prospects of a three-party conference on the economic situation were strengthened this morning by the unexpected arrival of Mr. Baldwin in London from a continental holiday.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain also arrived from Scotland, and the two discussed for two hours the attitude which the Conservatives would take up; while the Cabinet economy committee is continuing yesterday's deliberations at Downing Street with a view to adoption of a means for balancing the next Budget.

Sir Herbert Samuel, deputizing for Mr. Lloyd George, has also been busy at Liberal headquarters.

It was subsequently announced that Mr. MacDonald would return to Scotland to-night to resume his interrupted holiday.

Conversion Scheme.

The contemplated conversion scheme, mentioned earlier, relates to the five per cent. War Loan, redeemable at par at the Government's option in 1929, but the fact that over £2,000,000,000 of this remains outstanding makes the conversion a formidable proposition. Moreover, interest thereon is in the privileged position of not having income tax deducted at the source, hence the loan has proved very attractive to overseas investors.

Conversion to a new loan bearing interest more in consonance with modern money rates is estimated to save the exchequer £20,000,000 annually.—Reuter.

MR. EUGENE CHEN.

Explains Visit to Japan.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Before his departure from Tokyo Mr. Eugene Chen, interviewed by Reuter, said he came to Japan to make personal observations of the Japanese attitude to China so as to obtain a background against which the Canton Government might be able to formulate its foreign policy, recognising the importance of friendly Chinese-Japanese relations. He emphatically denied that he came here to buy arms, intrigue against Nanking or offer Japan concessions in Manchuria in return for help.—Reuter.

NEW CUNARDER.

Fastest Afloat When Launched.

Rugby, Yesterday. Excellent progress has been made with the construction of the giant new Cunarder in the Clyde yards. It is now anticipated that the liner, which is expected to be the fastest afloat, with speed of over thirty knots, will be launched in February.—British Wireless Service.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of August 14, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8.

At Fanling yesterday afternoon, the granite pillar which has been erected in front of the Club House as a memorial to the members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club who lost their lives in the war was unveiled by His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.).

The memorial is of unpolished granite, mounted on a pedestal, and bears this inscription: "1914-18. In memory of members of this Club who gave their lives for their country."

MAN WHO MADE HATRY FRAUDS POSSIBLE

Five Years' Sentence Passed on John Gialdini.

PROPERTY CONFISCATED.

Imprisonment Unlikely Before Christmas.

John Gialdini, associate of Clarence Hatry, and the man who is alleged to have suggested the fabrication of stock certificates by which the Hatry frauds were carried out, was found guilty at Milan on June 12 on charges of being concerned in the frauds. A sum of over £1,000,000 was involved in the five charges on which he was convicted. The Court imposed the following penalties:—

Imprisonment for five years and ten months of the type known as reclusion—this corresponds with hard labour in England.

Payment of a fine of 10,000 lire—about £110.

Payment of compensation to Sir Gilbert Garnsey.

Payment of the costs arising in connection with the civil claim amounting to about 2,000 lire (£22).

In view of the amnesty granted in January of last year on the occasion of the marriage of Crown Prince Humbert, two items of the sentence are remitted—one year's imprisonment and the fine of 10,000 lire.

Property Confiscated.
A final clause of the judgment confirms and legalises the sequestration of Gialdini's property in Italy.

The precise effect of the compensation decision cannot be known until the reasoned judgment of the Court is issued.

It is understood to involve payment to Sir Gilbert Garnsey, the civil claimant of compensation on the scale demanded in the papers in the case.

Sir Gilbert, liquidator of the Hatry companies, was joined as third party in the trial in order to permit him to make a claim for damages.

On the charges which had been made against him Gialdini was liable to a maximum penalty of ten years. The judges did not impose the maximum as Mr. Justice Avoxy did in the case of Hatry.

No Emotion.
They adopted the suggestion of the Public Prosecutor who had asked for the imposition of the "light sentence" of seven months' reclusion on the ground that this was the prisoner's first offence.

Gialdini is expected to give notice of appeal within the legal period of three working days.

The strain of the trial had told visibly upon the accused man during the last few days, but he received the sentence without betraying any sign of emotion.

Pending the hearing of his appeal he will continue to receive the same privileged treatment in respect of food, visits, etc., as he has hitherto received during his detention at the prison while awaiting trial. He has been in custody for a matter of sixteen months.

When the court resumed, Signor Marchesano, the burly Sicilian advocate, completed his third and final speech on behalf of the accused.

"Brigand" Financiers.
"The Hatry companies were a brigand's lair," Signor Marchesano declared. He also informed the court that in no country were there "so many brigands as amongst English financiers."

At this the judge intervened. "I will not permit you," he said, "to insult the great and friendly British nation here."

Signor Marchesano replied that, although he respected the English people, he did not love them. He admitted, however, that there might be some gentlemen in British finance. As for the Hatry group, however, they were "scoundrels, tyrants, thieves, rogues."

Here the judge again intervened to remind counsel that there was no point in this continued attack upon people who were already paying; in prison, the penalty for their misdeeds.

The maximum sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude was passed by Mr. Justice Avoxy on Clarence Hatry. By good conduct marks it may be reduced to ten and a half years.

Daniels was sentenced to seven years, reducible to five years three months; Dixon to five years, reducible to three years nine months; and Tabor to three years' penal servitude, reducible to two years three months.

Prisoners undergoing penal servitude in England are required to work at a trade for eight or ten hours a day.

Hatry, after being engaged in the laundry and the boot-makers' shop, was given occupation as a bookbinder.

Although conducted in a manner which sometimes seemed strange to British conceptions of legal procedure, and protracted far beyond the practice of our courts, there is no doubt that this has been a pre-eminently fair trial.

WHAT SENTENCE MEANS.
Imprisonment Unlikely Before Christmas.

The sentence passed upon Gialdini will not become effective until he has exhausted the legal means he possesses to endeavour to have it annulled.

In the first place, he will enter an appeal, and it will be a matter of perhaps six months before that appeal comes to hearing. Should that appeal fail he can apply to the Court of Cassation for a reconsideration.

Until those appeals have been heard and it is unlikely that they will have been disposed of before Christmas—Gialdini will continue under the regime that has been his for the past fifteen months.

During the day-time he will have his own room in prison on payment, and he will be allowed to have his meals taken in from a restaurant. Certain other privileges in the matter of smoking, visits, and correspondence will be permitted.

If his appeals prove ineffectual and he has to begin the term of "reclusion," his circumstances will be those of a prisoner sentenced to hard labour, although he will not do any hard work. He will occupy a cell at night, and during the day he will exercise.

No Solitary Confinement.
It is, perhaps, true to say that the best prison conditions in Italy are worse than the worst in England, but there is no solitary confinement.

In consequence of the great many cases of insanity resulting therefrom, solitary confinement has been almost entirely abolished under the new Fascist penal code.

The abolition takes legal effect from July 1 next year, but, in fact, it has already been abolished in anticipation. Under the old code a period of solitary confinement formed part of any sentence exceeding five years in length. In future it is to apply to political offenders alone.

£20,000 in Costs.
The costs in the case have not yet been determined. It is understood, however, that Gialdini was required to deposit £20,000 to cover costs. It is estimated that that sum will represent approximately the costs of the Italian Government.

A fee of £300 is being paid to Signor Savia, counsel for the third party.

Conflicting statements were made during the course of the trial regarding the property Gialdini now possesses. There is no doubt that he is a wealthy man.

It was alleged that he was worth £20,000, but this he denied. He declared that the money taken on his arrest in Milan, amounting to about £18,000, represented his entire wealth. His wife, he agreed, was a wealthy woman, thanks to lucky speculations in Egyptian cotton.

Now 47 years of age, Gialdini is the son of a Milan musician and a Greek mother. He started his business career as a clerk in the Bank of Rome. Afterwards, he speculated in Egyptian cotton, losing all his money. Coming to London, he got a job in a bank at

THE THIEVES OF SINGAPORE.

The Ways of the Minor Criminals.

PICKPOCKETS AND GANGS.

Southern Hotel was ablaze with electric lights. The clatter of the clockwork set of toys attracted thousands of captivated gazers who packed themselves right in front of H. Men, women, and children pushed through the throng to the counters to buy mooncakes as the Festivity of Autumn Solstice, otherwise known as the Feast of Lanterns, was but two nights ahead. The hotel did a roaring business, likewise did the pickpockets there who pocketed a golden harvest, writes S. K. Leon in the Malay Police Magazine.

Amidst the jabbering crowd struggled forward the portly figure of the hotel's market-goer, his right forearm weighed down by an over-full basket. Seeing him thus encumbered, three pickpockets silently and swiftly closed round him, one of whom was just going to operate when a slight touch on his shoulder and a whisper "It's our employee" dispersed the operator and his accomplices away. It was another employee, a tacitly acknowledged tough, who intervened and rescued the corpulent one, a feat of which the latter remained blissfully ignorant. Absolutely raw to the wiles and violence of Singapore's underworld, for I was installed as resident manager less than four months before, I was a close watcher of the above drama from beginning to end. Greenhorn-like I suggested to call the police, but my tough employee who knew much better said, "Sir, you do not know these rascals yet; they do not operate singly but in gangs." This assertion I have afterwards had ample opportunities to verify as true.

Kreta Ayer Gangs.

The centre of pickpocket activities in Singapore's Chinatown lies in Kreta Ayer, area, i.e. that rectangle bordered on the north by Cross Street, on the south by Sago Street, on the east by South Bridge Road, and on the west by New Bridge Road; together with Eu Tong Sen Street and People's Park Market. This "El Dorado" is split up into two mandated territories, one of which is allotted to the Sago Street gang and the other to the Pagoda Street gang, with a common meeting ground for both gangs is at the food stalls opposite Eu Tong Sen Theatre. All the members of the two gangs are master "psychologists" as divulged by the precise method employed for each particular set of victims.

First there are the women. Beginning from numbers 161 to 167 South Bridge Road and running in a continuous row are half a dozen haberdashery shops which are a delight to Chinese women and a "dogger bank" for pickpockets.

These gentry await the arrival in luxurious cars of plutocratic women, who do not condescend to alight but order their maids to descend and make the requisite purchases. Confined in their cars with dangling and sparkling earrings these women personally wealth publicly displayed. There comes a quick movement of hand followed by a sharp cry of pain—an earring has parted company from its fair owner, to be spirited away with its quick footed acquirer.

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24 a week. Ultimately he became associated with the Dundee Trust, where he met Daniel, and subsequently Clarence Hatry.

Flight and Concealment.
When the crash came, Gialdini did not like Hatry and the others, surrendered to the police, but absconded to the Continent and took refuge in Italy, making no concealment of his presence until he learned that proceedings were being taken by the British Government. He then adopted various disguises, including that of a priest.

He was arrested in March, 1930. Since then he has been in custody during the long formalities preliminary to the trial.

In the San Vittore prison he shared with two others a cell 10 ft. by 14 ft. He felt himself rather fortunate in having two fraudulent bankers as his cell companions. "After all," he said, "I might have had to sleep with a couple of cut-throats."

All this happens within two seconds, so swiftly, that even passers-by remain completely unconscious of the coup. Then there are buyers who, inadvertently leaving their bank notes for change or collection on the counter nearest the five-foot way, have their money snatched away. The inevitable sequel is a hot argument between the victim and the shopkeeper in fixing who should bear the loss.

Outstation Visitors.
Next come visitors from outstations. At the corner of Cross Street and New Bridge Road is a photographer's studio, its spacious window paneled with highly beautified and coloured portraits of Chinese actresses, singing girls, demi-monde and others. To residents of Singapore these pictures offer no attractions, but to people from outstations they are a rare treat. Almost daily groups are seen standing stockstill, gazing fixedly at the photographs and lost in rapturous wonderment. I have seen how perfectly easily the nimble fingered operated on the pockets of these stargazers.

Relevantly, I was the eye-witness of a rather humorous incident:—Two men, A and B, dropped into Southern Hotel for tea. They had not been seated long when a party of six men came, and, being friends, A hailed them to join them at the same table. Thus from two the number now swelled to eight, and the bill increased proportionately.

A inquired of B how much he had. "Twenty cents," answered B sulkily. "Go and borrow some then," retorted A peremptorily. Without a word B left the table, took the descending lift and walked out of the hotel. Fifteen minutes passed and B returned, handing over ten dollars to A. The bill was paid and the whole party dispersed.

I was struck by the ease with which B obtained his loan but soon learnt that he indeed borrowed the money and the purse also, but from and without the knowledge of one of the beauty gazers at that junction studio. What remarkable promptitude!

How Accomplices Intervene.
Last year a well-known Chinese theatrical promoter and reputed boxer had his shin smashed in this wise. He was in the habit of picking up bargains from second-hand dealers in Upper Cross Street and Lim Eng Lee Lane. During the process of price haggling his pocket was about to be picked when he suddenly grabbed the culprit who promptly bolted. From the same stall a bystander seized an iron bar with which he smashed the shin of the boxer and then fled, leaving his victim wriggling on the ground with pain.

A burly man, whose expensive velour hat attracted attention, lost both hat and consciousness, under guileful circumstances. As was his wont, to take his tiffin at Southern Hotel, and at the entrance the blackguards accosted him. Stepping out of his ricksha, he was about to enter the hotel when his hat was suddenly snatched away from behind, the snatcher immediately taking to his heels. The victim made as though to chase him but, before he could move two paces, a discreet and well placed jab on his chest, delivered with the elbow by a "spectator," sent him tottling backwards, and he lost consciousness through his head striking the concrete pavement.

Another man was led into a wild-goose chase in addition to losing his hat. It was abruptly twirled away from behind by a person who remained perfectly still, holding the hat behind him, whilst an accomplice immediately ran away, and the owner of the hat thinking the latter to be the actual thief gave chase and so became the laughing stock of his friends.

Pocket-Cutters.
Then there are "pocket-cutters" who operate on the mosquito buses plying on the Tanjong Pagar-Geylang route. It is wise, when carrying a considerable sum of money on one's person, to travel by the trolley bus, first class, rather than by a red bus.

The Gangsters' Inflexible Law.
The two gangs operating in the Kreta Ayer area have an inflexible law that any booty should go to the common purse to be afterwards divided among the members in such fair measure as the leader deems just. Therefore, if one who knows the local underworld has his purse stolen it is not up to him to report to the police but to note the time and place of his loss and then hunt up the chief of the territorial gang. If the victim is "tougher" than the leader he gets his purse returned with profuse apologies; if he is softer he has to concede a portion of the spoils as tea money. And that is how Singapore's minor criminals work.

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5.30-6 p.m.—A Lecture on "The Scientific Explanation of Common Natural Phenomena" by Mr. I. T. Pun, B.S.A.

7-9 p.m.—European Recorded Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.05-8 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—Hit the Deck—Selection, London Hippodrome Orchestra (1928).

Humorous Song—What Wouldn't I do for that Man, You're in Love and I'm in Love, Ruth Etting (DB19).

Organ Solo—Body and Soul, With a Song in my Heart, Quentin M. Maclean (DB46).

Vocal Duet—A Pair of Blue Eyes, I Feel You Near Me, Layton & Johnstone (DB186).

Xylophone Solo—The Clatter of the Clogs, The Dancing Tailor, Rudy Starita (DB247).

Dialogue—The Man in the Ditch, An Edgar Wallace Thriller Told by the Author (5026).

Piano Duet—Hallelujah! Sometimes I'm Happy, Jean Wiener and Clement Doucet (4859).

Orchestral—Old Music Hall Favourites, Herman Finck & His Orch. (DB27).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.05-8.30 p.m.—Instrumental.
Octet—Minuet Sicilienne (Squire & Hart), Minuet in D (Mozart, arr. Willoughby), J. H. Squire, Octet (DB75).

Cello Solo—Album Leaf (Gliere), Scherzo (Sir Hamilton Harty), W. H. Squire (L2115).

Pianoforte Solo—Rondo in E Flat Major (Hummel), Viennese Dance No. 1 (Gaertner), Ignaz Friedman (L1750).

8.30-9 p.m.—Orchestral.
Siegfried Idyll (Wagner), Bruno Walter & Symphony Orchestra (LX79).

Overton Overture (Weber), Willem Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra (L2312).

The Gipsy Baron—Overture (Johann Strauss), Bruno Walter & Symphony Orchestra (L2352).

9.10.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
1. Pianoforte Solo—Selected, Mr. S. B. Winram.

2. Songs—(a) A May Morning (Denza), (b) I Hear a Thrush at Eve (C. Cadman), By Mrs. L. Sharpam (Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.

3. Songs—(a) Lovely Night (Landon Ronald), (b) Because I Miss You So (Eric Coates), By Mr. H. G. Annis (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

4. Violin Solo—(a) Mazurka (Wieniawsky), (b) Nocturne in E Flat (Chopin-Sarasate), By Mr. John V. Braga.

5. Songs—(a) My Dearest Prayer (H. J. Tandler), (b) Musica Prohibita (Melodia), By Miss A. Silos (Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.

6. Songs—(a) The Rose of Tralee (C. W. Glover), (b) The Drum Major (E. Newton), By Mr. V. H. Bailey (Baritone) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

7. Pianoforte Solo—Selected, Mr. S. B. Winram.
8. Songs—(a) On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn), (b) L'Amour Toujours L'Amour (Rudolf Friml), By Mrs. L. Sharpam (Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.

9. Songs—(a) Sincerity (Emile Clarke), (b) Thank God for a Garden (Teresa Del Riego), By Mr. H. G. Annis (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

10. Violin Solo—(a) Ave-Maria (Schubert-Wilhelm), (b) Gavotte (Gocce), (c) At Dawning (Cedman-Riesland), By Mr. John V. Braga.

11. Songs—(a) Hukig ug Uilla (Filipino Dance), (b) A. G. Montenegro, (c) 'Tis all That I Can Say (Carl Hahn), By Miss A. Silos (Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.

12. Songs—(a) Roadways (Loth), (b) Two Grenadiers (Schumann), By Mr. V. H. Bailey (Baritone) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.
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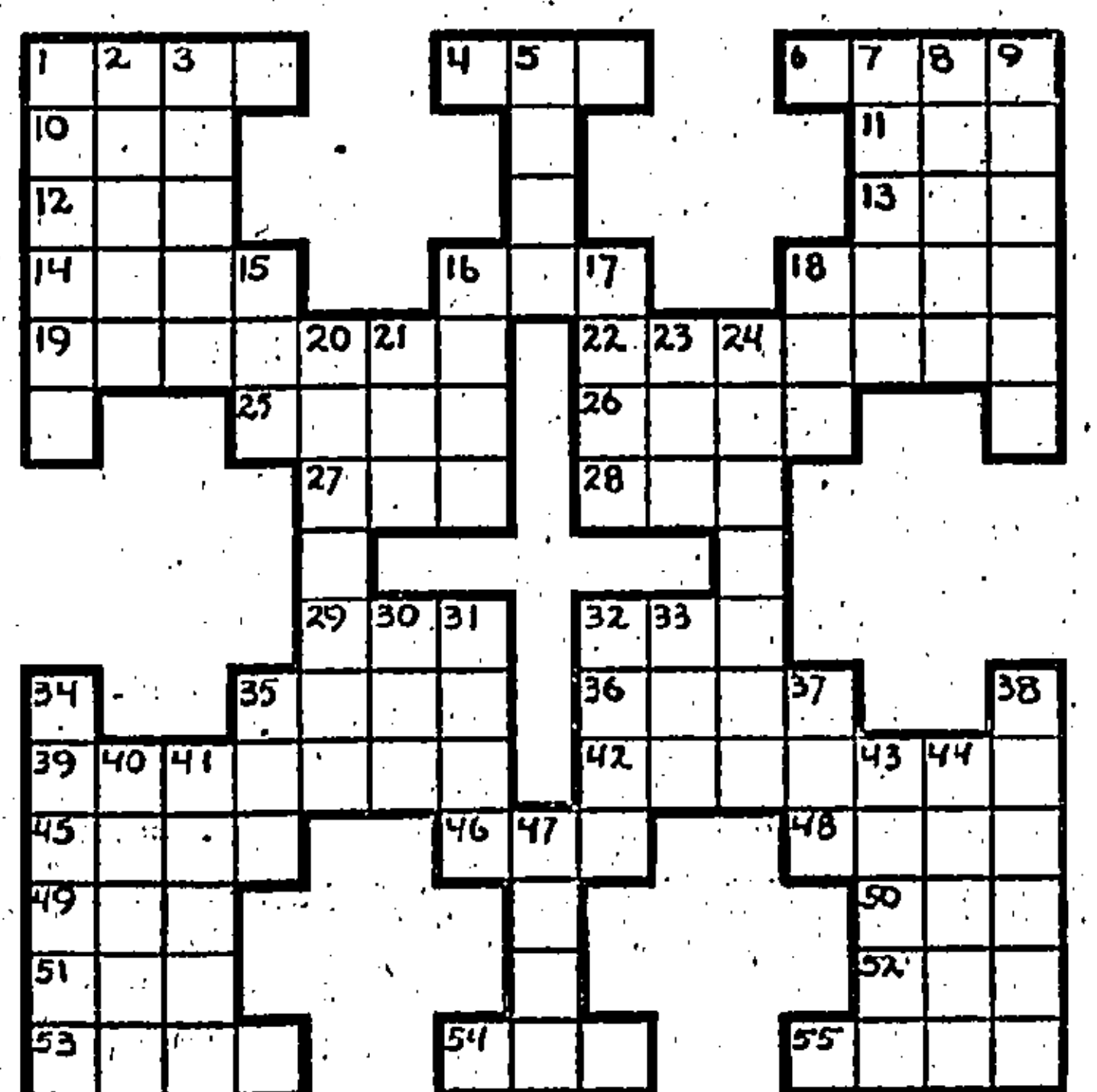
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1—A nocturnal lepidopterous insect.
4—Definite article.
5—Presently.
10—A southern constellation.
11—Prefix "from".
12—It is, contrasted.
13—To command.
14—To carry (Southern U.S.).
16—Time period.
18—Combining form.
19—Foes.
22—A Dutch island of the Malay Archipelago.
23—To scrutinize.
24—Summertime denoting inflammation.
27—Rather than.
28—To pat softly.
29—Toward the stern of a vessel.
32—To "poll".
35—None in its class.

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

36—Chief town of Samoan Islands.
39—To forsake.
42—To perceive as a reality.
45—To decay or entice.
46—Half arm.
48—Greek god of love.
49—Self.
50—Craft or cunning.
51—Wickedness.
52—To pass away.
53—To abound.
54—Exist.
56—Restrained.

VERTICAL

1—To signify.
2—A northern constellation.
3—Flavor.
5—To apprehend by means of the ear.
7—A wealthy Anglo-Indian.
8—To think.
9—Having nodes.
15—A watering-place in S.W. France.

VERTICAL (Cont.)

16—An Anglo-Saxon verb.
17—Sharp and biting to the taste.
18—Combining form.
20—An island in the North Atlantic Ocean.
21—Organ of hearing.
22—Greek long E.
24—Negro republic, W. Africa.
30—Girl's name (short).
31—A river in N. England.
32—One of the planets.
33—Monkey.
34—Most recent.
37—A drink.
38—Made a nest.
40—Hobgoblin.
41—Silly.
42—A decree of the Sublime Porte.
43—The Cape polecat.
47—Close to.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

BRITISH LEGION.

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SATISFACTORY FINANCE.

The annual report of the working of the Hong Kong branch of the British Legion, presented at the meeting yesterday, showed that \$815 had been expended on relief work and donations of \$750 and \$500 given to the Poppy Day Fund and the Cheero, Canton, respectively. As a result of the Poppy Day Appeal, the sum of £1,083 had been remitted to Earl Haig's Fund.

Funds had been maintained by interest received annually from Sir Paul Chater's Fund. A donation of \$100 had been sent to the General Charities Organisation of Hong Kong, and after deduction of all donations and expenses, the balance sheet showed an excess of expenditure over income of \$428 odd, which had been transferred from the Surplus Account.

Work of the Legion. Mr. F. W. James, the chairman, referred to the generosity of the late Sir Paul Chater, whose Endowment Fund had helped to keep the affairs of the branch in a healthy state. Although the amount expended under Outdoor Relief was diminishing each year, the need for a live branch of the British Legion would not grow less. Its main interest was to foster the work of the parent body in connection with Poppy Day.

Election of Officers. After the adoption of the report, the following officers were elected:—President, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robinson; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. P. M. Rosser; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. Murdoch; Committee, Mr. A. Lobel, Mr. A. Piercy, Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. A. R. H. Phillips, Mrs. V. M. Dennis, and the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

RETURNS TO CHINA.

Madame Sun Yat-Sen.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Madame Sun Yat-sen arrived this evening from Europe via Siberia in order to attend her mother's funeral.—Reuter.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 14th August, 1931.

Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, 25th August.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Notes	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	3010	...	Dec.	Inter. at 4 1/2% for 1931. Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	...	...	121	...	Dec.	7 1/2% for 1931. Mar. 31, 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	...	...	20	...	Dec.	7 1/2% for 1931. Apr. 31, 31
Bank of Asia	...	...	101	...	Dec.	8% for 1930. Feb. 23, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	...	...	1850	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. May 12, 31
Union Ins.	...	...	565	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. May 29, 31
China Underwriters	...	...	6	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	...	...	800	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1405	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 25, 31
Shipping.						
Douglases	...	...	22	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931. Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamship	...	...	261	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. June 19, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	40	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. July 6, 31
Shells Bearer	...	...	15	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 21, 31
Union Waterboats	...	...	39	...	Dec.	...
Mining.						
Benguet	...	...	11	...	Dec.	See Int. 2% for 1931. June 30, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	269	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Dec. 30, 30
Langkats (Single)	...	...	405	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration	...	...	185	...	Dec.	None
Loans	...	...	41	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Feb. 6, 31
Ranb	...	...	114	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. July 15, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	...	...	23	...	Dec.	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	28	...	Dec.	8% for 1930. Mar. 12, 31
South Ch. Motors	...	...	10	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931. Mar. 12, 31
China Provident (old)	...	...	605	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Apr. 6, 31
Hongkew	...	...	270	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. May 4, 31
N. Engineering	...	...	61	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 4, 31
Shanghai Docks	...	...	1001	...	Apr.	10% for 1931. July 29, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hls. (old)	...	...	1740	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Apr. 16, 31
H. K. Lands	...	...	91	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Aug. 12, 31
Shanghai Lands	...	...	8920	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. July 30, 31
Humphreys (old)	...	...	22	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Feb. 24, 31
H. K. Realty	...	...	178	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Pending
Chinese Estates	...	...	94	...	Feb.	10% for 1931. July 29, 31
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cotton	...	...	1450	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	97	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. May 27, 31
Zoong Sing	...	...	11	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	...	...	2250	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Pending
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	14	...	Apr.	10% for 1931. June 16, 31
Star Ferry	...	...	93	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Feb. 10, 31
Yau-mai Ferry	...	...	252	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. June 23, 31
China Light	...	...	30	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Dec. 15, 30
H. K. Electric	...	...	81	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 18, 31
Macao	...	...	29	...	Dec.	...
Sandakan Light	...	...	12	...	Dec.	...
H. K. Tel. fully paid	...	...	84	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Aug. 4, 31
China Buses	...	...	1700	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Feb. 25, 30
S'portraction (Ord.)	...	...	89	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Feb. 6, 31
Industrials.						
China Sugars	...	...	5000	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 4, 31
Malayan Sugars	...	...	89	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 21, 31
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	14	...	Dec.	...
Canton Ice	...	...	750	...	Dec.	...
Cement (com.)	...	...	1000	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 16, 31
H. K. Ropes	...	...	2210	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	...	...	82	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 18, 31
Watsons	...	...	1050	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Mar. 16, 31
Der A Wings	...	...	1	...	Dec.	...
Lane Crawfords (old)	...	...	780	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Apr. 29, 31
Mackintosh	...	...	18	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. June 17, 31
Sincere	...	...	17	...	Dec.	...
Wm. Powells	...	...	880	...	Dec.	...
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement (old)	...	...	27	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Sept. 27, 30
C. Entertainment (old)	...	...	15	...	Dec.	...
Sou. Ch. Enterprises	...	...	18	...	Dec.	...
H. K. Construction	...	...	1880	...	Dec.	10% for 1931. Apr. 29, 31
H. K. Bonds	...	...	7110	...	Dec.	...
H. K. Gov. Loans	...	...	8%	...	Dec.	...

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Lincoln's story has all the elements of a great drama; and every picture detail is correct—every character real. From the opening when the camera sweeps across an endless forest to seek out the lonely cabin of the Lincoln's—the great wild ride of General Sheridan, the pathetic figure of the President walking through the lonely room in The White House, with the famous shawl across the shoulders—to the fatal assassination in the theatre box—all this cannot fail to hold your intense attention. Through it all moves this great man, simple, sincere and always understandable. He seems to live the part and he is inspired. This picture is for one and all—not only the English-speaking people—but all who have learnt their history, to love and admire this noble character. The film has been done with respect and understanding. I hope the school children will be given special opportunities of seeing a part of America's history kept so faithfully to detail, not making the chief character one for pity, but letting us into the life led by this sad man so painfully aware of his gaucheness, his terrific responsibilities. One of the greatest characters in all history. A picture NOT to be missed—(Queen's).

"Don't Bet On Women." Edmund Lowe, Jeannette MacDonald and Una Merkel, who is proving herself to be a fine little comedienne, in a light spicily, naughty comedy called "Don't Bet On Women." The stealer of pictures (Roland Young) enters into a bet with the gay philanderer that he cannot kiss his wife within forty-eight hours. Sorry to say, Jeannette does not sing, but she treats us to her valuable sense of humour. Lowe is quite convincing, but I prefer him in other roles. Wives, husbands and lovers all scrambled, but the ending is quite nice—so do not miss it—there is some witty dialogue and Young is, alone worth seeing. (King's).

"Outside The Law." "Outside The Law" with a lovely leading lady—Mary Nolan, and the Universal's best bet in character parts—Edward G. Robinson—also the still fascinating Owen Moore—all helping to make this a really thrilling gangster story. It was written and directed by Tod Browning—and you know HOW Universal has gone back to No. 1 status since they made such a hit with "All Quiet on the Western Front." This is worth seeing, it is full of excitement, and I confess that the underworld does exercise quite a fascination for so many of us, myself included. It is splendidly acted and produced. Owen Moore, first husband of the World's Sweetheart, one of the famous brother pioneers of the Movies—good presence, and speaking voice, Edward G. Robinson, a Roumanian, who came at an early age to America, splendid on the stage in certain types. Mary Nolan, one-time model for so many famous American artists, is a Ziegfeld dancer, a star in German films, an excellent actress, and the most lovely thing photographically. (Central).

"Sins of the Children." "Sins of the Children" gives father-love an innings. We have had lots showing wonderful mothers—BUT in this story we see the bad break that is coming to the fond father who sacrifices all for children. Louis Mann, the stage star holds the centre in the good old-fashioned way. Lella Hyams, Robert Montgomery (before he was too famous) and Mary Moran, are the trials of the much-to-be-pitied father. It may be good "Box office stuff," as some of us still call a "good" cry-enjoyment. (Queen's).

"Silent Enemy." "Silent Enemy," taken by the brothers who made "Nanook of the North." Good picture for the children. They will love the pretty heroine, "Starlight," the brave hero, the stately chief "Yellow Robe," the small boy with his bear cubs, gorgeous scenery in the Canadian wilds, life among the fast-dying tribe of Indians fighting their continual war against hunger. All taken in the pukka surroundings, and NO Hollywood fake. (Central).

Edmund Lowe. Edmund Lowe is really good in "Scotland Yard," but if you go with the hopes of seeing London, let me assure you that it will be one tiny glimpse of the gate of the famous home of the great Detective force a few feet of Studio pond, which is called "The River Thames in 1914." Good old studio fog.

A far-fetched story, wherein a man's double takes his place in business and in the arms of his wife. All you see of the workings of the detective force is Mr. Lumsden Hare, who has been so long in America that he has adopted the real stage detective habit of keeping on his hat all the time in the room. The cast all speak well (with the exception of the leading lady). Edmund Lowe is to be commended for his clear enunciation; the rest of the cast are Britons. (King's).

"Quick Millions." A little girl who is landing big parts, is Sally Eilers, who supports Spencer Tracy in a gangster film, "Quick Millions." A truck driver achieves ambition of modernistic apartment, and an introduction to real society, where he falls for the girl. The man is too brutal to win much sympathy, but there is plenty of excitement, and truckman ends with bullet of enemy racketeer. I found it very thrilling and well acted throughout. (King's).

"Crazy That Way." If it were my pleasure to announce another Joan Crawford instead of another Joan Bennett, it would please me more, but Fox are giving the plums to the Bennett girl. Go and see her if you like, at the Queen's in "Crazy That Way," with Kenneth McKenna, husband of the lovely Kay Francis, and of late one of the best Directors on the Fox lot. Neither Constance nor Joan make the slightest appeal to me. Others love them. I say nothing more. (Queen's).

"Free to Love." Coming shortly to the Central is a really good Conrad Nagel story, "Free to Love," with a Broadway favourite, Genevieve Tobin, opposite. It sounds good, and the acting will be top-notch I feel sure. The Laemmle family are putting on their pictures in first-rate style. Then, too, the Central promise us the fiery clever actress Lupe Velez in two of her starring vehicles, "The Storm" and "Resurrection." I must not forget to mention that Monroe Owsley and Zasu Pitts are in the cast of "Free to Love"—Enough recommendation, surely! (Central).

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Norma Shearer would never own her home, always rented—but now there is the Thalberg heir to be considered, so a forty-thousand dollar home is being built at Santa Monica beach.

Not all glitter and success in Hollywood. Remember the biograph girl?—still one of the famous—Mary Pickford. Remember also "The Vitagraph Girl"? Florence Turner—now making a very few dollars a week as an extra on the Universal lot.

Mary Brian loses \$2,000 per week now that Paramount has not renewed her contract. Fay Wray has been chosen by Ronald Colman in "The Unholy Garden." No one knows what sort of women the mysterious Ronnie prefers in private life, but in his picture they must be blonde so the peroxide bottle is being used on Fay's lovely brown hair.

Paramount talks of making "The Sheik" with Georges Metaxa. (The man whose records are such big sellers in Britain—here of "Bitter Sweet") with Claudette Colbert in the part played by Agnes Ayres.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Aug. 6, June, June, 1931. 1918. 1914.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	33	24	12
" Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	30	23	11
" Corned	牛尾	lb.	28	21	10
" Roast	牛尾	lb.	33	24	12
" Breast	牛尾	lb.	30	20	18
" Soup	牛尾	lb.	27	20	18
" Steak	牛尾	lb.	33	24	12
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	46	30	35
" Sausages	牛尾	lb.	35	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛尾	per set	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	75	50	60
" Tongue, corned	牛尾	each	60	—	—
" Head	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14
" Heart	牛尾	lb.	20	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛尾	each	12	10	12
" Feet	牛尾	each	15	10	12
" Kidneys	牛尾	each	27	20	22
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛尾	lb.	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	set	1.50	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	44	28	—
" Leg	羊排	lb.	44	28	—
" Shoulder	羊排	lb.	40	24	—
" Saddle	羊排	lb.	44	—	—
Pig's Chittlings	猪排	lb.	30	27	—
" Brains	猪排	Per set	3	—	—
" Feet	猪排	lb.	16	15	—
" Fry	猪排	lb.	28	15	18
" Head	猪排	lb.	18	20	—
" Heart	猪排	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys	猪排	lb.	15	10	8
" Liver	猪排	lb.	48	30	24
" Pork Chop	猪排	lb.	36	25	23
" Leg	猪排	lb.	38	—	—
" Loin	猪排	lb.	44	60	70
" Fat or Lard	猪排	lb.	28	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊排	per set	10	6	7
" Heart	羊排	each	12	8	—
" Kidneys	羊排	lb.	15	12	10
" Liver	羊排	lb.	45	26	25
" Sucking Pigs, to order	羊排	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	羊排	lb.	80	20	18
" Mutton	羊排	lb.	38	26	26
" Sausages	羊排	lb.	22	20	20
" No. 1	羊排	lb.	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb.	55	16	24
Bream	魚	lb.	36	20	16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	36	—	—
Carp	魚	lb.	36	13	16
Catfish	魚	lb.	48	16	27
Codfish	魚	lb.	44	12	9
Crabs	魚	lb.	52	16	17
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	32	23	26
Dab	魚	lb.	26	18	17
Dace	魚	lb.	54	23	16
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	22	10	—
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	52	10	8
" Fresh Water	魚	lb.	52	16	—
" Yellow	魚	lb.	48	10	8
Erps	魚	lb.	80	26	30
Garoupa	魚	lb.	90	32	25
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	28	40	30
Herrings	魚	lb.	35	22	18
Halibut	魚	lb.	42	13	23
Labrus	魚	lb.	46	18	15
Loach	魚	lb.	80	32	13
Lobsters	魚	lb.	72	62	24
Mackerel	魚	lb.	60	32	21
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	48	20	20
Mullet	魚	lb.	48	13	2
Oysters	魚	lb.	40	12	2
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	35	14	9
Perch	魚	lb.	52	16	9
Pike	魚	lb.	60	38	29
Plaice	魚	lb.	44	36	45
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	78	10	14
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	28	10	14
Prawns	魚	lb.	34	13	18
Ray	魚	lb.	40	22	10
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	58	86	80
Salmon	魚	lb.	22	8	10
Shark	魚	lb.	22	10	10
Skate	魚	lb.	62	33	80
Shrimps	魚	lb.	50	28	28
Snapper	魚	lb.	52	22	28
Soles	魚	lb.	42	26	35
Tench	魚	lb.	40	12	12
Turbot	魚	lb.	135	40	—
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	—	—	—

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Poultry.

Chicken	雞	lb.	68	30	31
Capons, Small	雞	lb.	68	28	30
Capons, Large	雞	lb.	72	28	30
Duck	鴨	each	45	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	45	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	each doz.	33	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	each doz.	36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	76	38	24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	60	55	24
Geese	鴨	lb.	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	28	80	—
" Holbow	鴿	each	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	雞	lb.	60	61	45
Snipe	鴨	each	35	—	—
Pheasant	鴨	pair	—	—	—
Quail	鴨	each	—	—	—
Partridges	鴨	each	—	—	—

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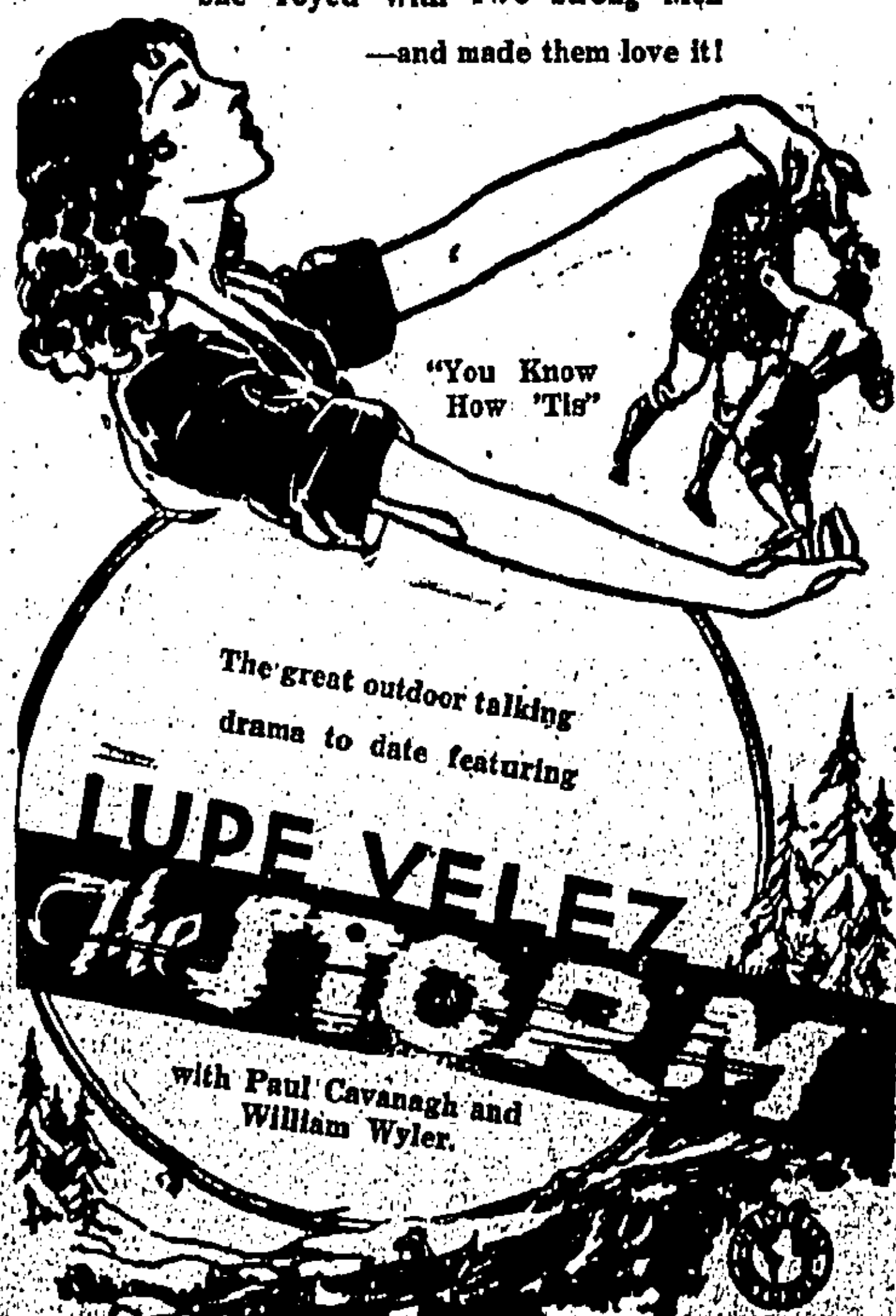
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THE GREAT AIR RACE

ORDER OF
STARTING.

RESULT OF DRAW

BRITAIN TO GO OFF
FIRST.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the presence of French and
Italian Air Attaches and of the
Chairman of the Schneider
Trophy Committee the draw for
the starting order of the ma-
chines in the Schneider race on
September 12 took place at the
Royal Aero Club to-day. The re-
sult is as follows:

Great Britain first, France
second and Italy third.
One machine of each country
will start in that order, and the
second and third machines will
follow in the same order.

The Italian team is expected to
arrive at Calshot during the
week-end.—British Wireless Ser-
vice.

EUROPE-AMERICA AIR ROUTE.

German Sets Out to
Survey.

OVER GREENLAND.

Reykjavik, Yesterday.
The German aviator, Gronau,
who recently took off for Scoresby
Sound, Greenland, arrived here on
August 9.

He has advance posts establish-
ed in Greenland.

Gronau is engaged on similar
work as that on which the Ameri-
can Parker-Cramer, was engaged,
namely surveying a northerly
aerial route between Europe and
America.—Reuter.

ANOTHER AIR TRAGEDY?

Body Sighted Off
Shetlands.

IS IT PARKER-CRAMER?

Oslo, Yesterday.
A body, believed to be that of
the airman, Parker-Cramer, has
been sighted near the Shetland
Islands by a Norwegian fishing
vessel. The weather, however,
prevented picking it up.

Cramer left Lerwick for Copen-
hagen last Sunday, it will be re-
membered.—Reuter.

GERMANY & FRANCE

M. Laval Invited to
Berlin.

VISIT THIS MONTH.

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Laval has been officially in-
vited to visit Berlin.
He may go there towards the
end of August.—Reuter.

SHARES QUIETLY STEADY.

Buyers Predominate for
Most Stocks.

THIS MORNING'S FEATURES.

The official summary of the
Stock Exchange this morning
states:

"The Stock Exchange opened
quietly steady, buyers still pre-
dominating for most stocks, the
demand being chiefly centred on
Tramways, Hotels, and Ropes. On
the other hand, Cements weakened
to a selling rate of \$19.90.

Banks were done at \$2,040.

Unions with buyers at \$565
changed hands at this rate.

Underwriters with sellers at
\$6.05 were reported to have result-
ed in sales at \$6.

Steamboats found buyers offer-
ing \$28 1/4, but sellers were not dis-
posed to trade under \$29.

Benguet advanced to \$11 buy-
ers.

Wharves were enquired for at
the improved rate of \$164, but
without inducing holders to sell.

Providents (new) were negotiat-
ing.

OVERCAST AND RAIN.

The American Consulate
General received the following
telegram from the Manila Ob-
servatory at 11 this morning:

Cyclone on typhoon depres-
sion northern part China Sea
almost stationary.

The Royal Observatory's re-
port issued to-day at 10.37
a.m. states:

The depression appears to be
nearly stationary to the
North of the Paracels.

A feeble anticyclone is cen-
tral nearly over N. E. Japan.

Forecast:—E. winds, fresh
to moderate; generally over-
cast, some rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours end-
ed at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.60 inch.

Total since January 1—54.23
inches against an average of
53.59 inches—deficit 4.46
inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain
specified centres this morning
at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong	81
Macao	79
Pratas Island	79
Manila	77
Foochow	81
Chefoo	82
Shanghai	79

ed at \$2.70, and there were buyers
at \$2.60, the old shares finding
buyers at \$6.05.

Hotels (old) were in demand at
\$17.40, sellers asking \$17.50, sales
being recorded at \$17.30. The new
shares remained at yesterday's
quotations.

Lands were reported sales at
\$91.75, buyers being in market at
\$91.50, and sellers wanting \$92.

Ewos appreciated slightly to
\$14.50 buyers, and sales resulted
at this rate.

Shanghai Cottons had enquiries
at 11s. 9d.

Trams had sellers at \$22.50, but
buyers were ready to deal at
\$22.10.

China Lights were done at \$26.40
and buyers willing to pay \$26.30,
but sellers asked \$26.50.

Hong Kong Electrics had buyers
at \$81, but shares were not obtain-
able at this rate.

Canton Ices were a shade high-
er at \$7.50 buyers.

BRUTAL MURDER

SHOT AND HEAD
BATTERED IN.

GLASGOW BANK

THREE YOUTHS
WANTED.

London, Yesterday.

The Glasgow Police have issued
the description of three youths,
ages between 18 and 21, desert-
ers from the Cameronian Regi-
ment, whom they are anxious to
see in connection with the mur-
der of Robert Wilson Guthrie
Donald, a young bank clerk at
the branch of the Clydesdale
Bank, Clydebank, near Glasgow.

Donald was found behind the
Bank's counter with his head
battered in. He also had a shot
wound, and died five minutes
after he had been discovered.

\$1,520 in notes were found
missing from the Bank's pre-
mises.—Reuter.

AN IMPORTANT ADVANCE.

Cotton Operatives and
Employers.

MORE LOOMS SYSTEM.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The decision, reached in Man-
chester to-day of the Cotton
Operatives to negotiate with em-
ployers on "more looms" system
about which a serious trade dis-
pute occurred during the Winter,
is regarded as an important ad-
vance towards reorganisation of
the Lancashire Cotton Industry,
leading to the increase of the in-
dustry's competitive power in
foreign markets.—British Wire-
less Service.

SCOTTISH SILKS CASE.

One of Accused
Released.

CHARGES WITHDRAWN.

London, Yesterday.

The Crown authorities have de-
cided not to proceed with charges
against Mr. John Gardner, one of
the accused in the Scottish Silks
case. The case has not yet opened.
—Reuter.

Cements, as already mentioned,
weakened slightly, and there were
sellers at \$19.90, but buyers declin-
ed to go beyond \$19.60. Sales were
reported to have taken place at
\$20.10.

Hong Kong Ropes were in de-
mand at \$22.10, but shares were
not forthcoming.

Dairy Farms were dealt in at
\$32.85, buyers offering \$32.75.

Watsons were firmer at \$16.40
buyer, sales having to be reported
at \$16.50.

Constructions receded to \$13.30
nominal.

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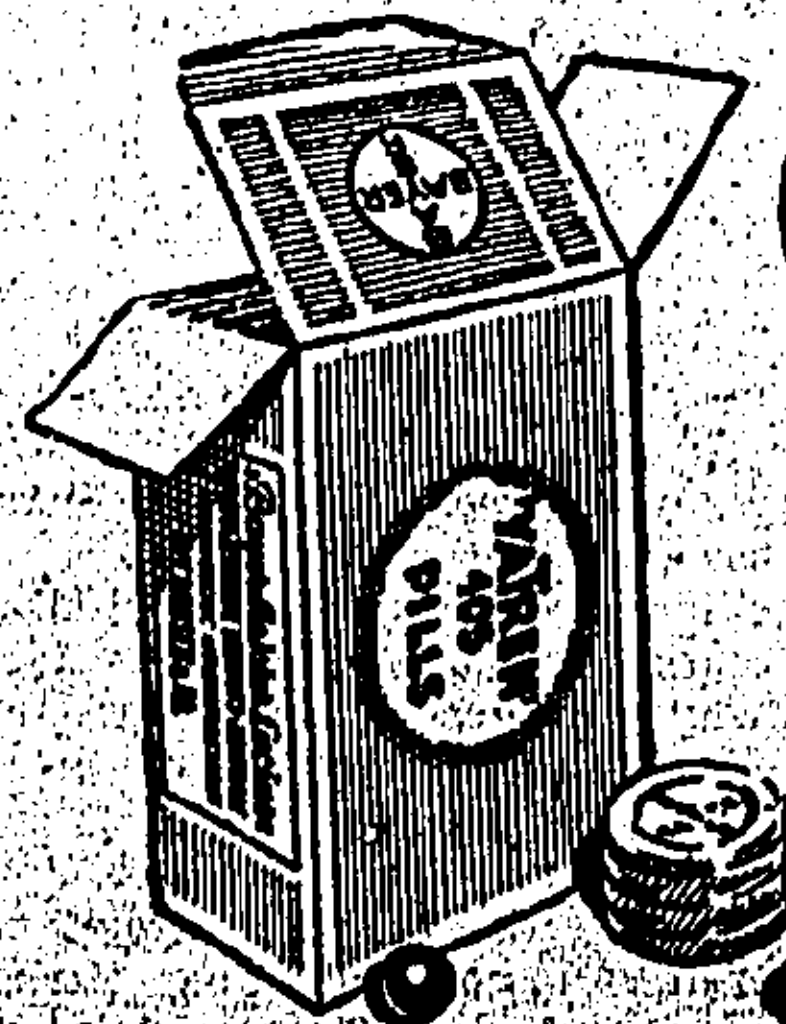
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